

Trying Your Best

# The Effies!



Concept  
Learning Skills



Length  
10-15 Minutes

## Inquiry Prompts

- How do you know if you're doing your best?
- Why should you feel good about trying your best?
- Why should we celebrate others' best efforts?

## Instructions

The purpose of this activity is to help students tap into what they already know about what it looks and feels like to try your best. They also have a chance to recognize a classmate who has tried their best at something.

- 1 Ask students to work with a partner for this activity. Hand out [Effie nomination slips](#) to each student.
- 2 Explain to students that they're going to nominate their partner for an Effie award. Effie awards recognize students who try their very best at something. This is all about effort, not necessarily results!
- 3 Give students some time to talk to each other and fill out their slips nominating their partners. Remind them that their answers should be different!
- 4 Collect the slips. Pull some from random and discuss as a class how the nominee has demonstrated their best effort.

**Message for students:** Being recognized for trying your best is just as important as winning or achieving something. Trying your best, even when something's hard, is an awesome achievement too!

## Materials Required

- [Effie nomination slips](#)
- Pencils, colored pencils, or markers
- Computers (tablets, phones) with Internet access (if you want students to upload their artifacts)

## Artifacts

Upload students' nomination slips to Storyboard, or post them in your classroom.

# The Effies! - Nomination Slips



I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for an Effie because they try their best at  
\_\_\_\_\_



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for an Effie because they try their best at  
\_\_\_\_\_



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