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- sorting = process of arranging group of items into ascending/descending order based on some criteria
- examples:
  - alphabetize list of names
  - sort list of numbers from highest to lowest
  - sort people by height
  - sort people by age

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- We've been using Collections.sort() or a lambda function

- How do we actually describe an algorithm used to sort?

- Is there more than one?

ACTIVITY

- Need 5 volunteers

SELECTION SORT

- Goes through list positions one by one
- Selects value that should go there
- More formally:
    - go through list to find smallest value
    - swap that value with value in first spot
    - scan rest of list to find next smallest value
    - swap that value with value in second spot
    - continue with remaining spots for each position in the list

SELECTION SORT - COMPLEXITY

- Think about the work it does:
    - How many times does it go through the list?
    - For each pass, how many elements does it look at?