

Icebreaker Activity: Connecting Stories

www.icebreakers.ws/small-group/connecting-stories.html

This activity is designed to build community and find common experiences. The goal is to connect mini-stories (approximately 1 sentence) in fun and interesting ways by creating a chain of mini-stories.

To play:

The first player begins by sharing an interesting memory or experience that they have. For example, one player can say: "One time, I accidentally locked myself out of the house. So then I spent the entire day at a coffee shop."

Any other person can tell a related story that has any similar themes or elements to the previous story. For example, the next person can say, "I am a total coffee addict. Every day I drink 3 cups of coffee and it sometimes prevents me from being able to sleep at night."

The next player, based upon the previous story shared, can say something related, such as: "I don't sleep much at night because I play lots of computer games until early morning."

To help the group remember each part of the story, write a few words on a post-it note for each part of the story chain. The more interesting or funny the story, the better.

Example: locked out, 3 coffees, computer games

At the end of the game, the group with the longest connected chain of stories is the winner. You may ask the group to share the entire story with the whole group. This activity is a fun way to get people to share stories, while helping people learn similarities or common interests.

Collaborative Storytelling: Story Seeds

power-of-storytelling.com/storytelling-activities/ (original version)

For assistance creating random prompts, you can ask participants or students for suggestions or randomwordgenerator.com/sentence.php

This activity is designed to build creative thinking as writers try to find inventive ways to incorporate the required sentences in their story. The goal is to write an original short story using as many of the required sentences as possible.

To play:

Using the required sentences provided on the screen, work with your group to create an original short story. You can appoint a note-taker or take turns writing sentences around the group. Try to be as creative as possible as you incorporate these sentences into your story!

Good luck!