

How Much Do You Remember?

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Give each person a sheet of paper or index card and a pen/pencil.
2. Instruct participants to divide into pairs with someone they do not know.
3. Ask pairs to introduce themselves and have a 30-second conversation with one another.
4. Time the 30-second discussions. After time is called, instruct participants to turn and stand back-to-back.
5. Using the suggested questions below as an example, ask the participants 3-5 things they remember about the other person. Instruct participants to write their answers on the index cards or paper.
6. Instruct the participants to turn around and compare notes to determine the accuracy (or inaccuracy) of their responses.

Tips for Discussion and Processing

This activity is very funny and needs to move fast. Ask questions quickly and give participants only a few seconds to write their answers. This can be very fun and can lead to a discussion about first impressions and what we notice or do not notice when we first meet people.

Questions May Include:

What is his/her eye color?
Does he/she wear eyeliner?
What is his/her hair color?
How tall is he/she?
Is he/she wearing glasses?
Is his/her hair short or long?

Where does he/she live?
What is his/her name?
What kind of jewelry does he/she wear?
What is the name of his/her spouse?
How many kids does he/she have?
What is his/her job?

Group Size: 50 or more

Time Needed: 1 to 10 minutes

Goal: To energize the group quickly and encourage participants to meet each other

Audience: Couples, Teens, Parents, Singles

Special Considerations: This activity can be uncomfortable for people who are a bit shy or do not like to work in pairs. Encourage the audience to participate and explain that many people are nervous when they meet someone new.

Resources Needed:

- ✓ Index card or piece of paper and pen/pencil for each participant; watch or clock with second hand