

# Group Sentence Completion

## Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Divide the group into 3 or 4 smaller groups.
2. Give each group a clipboard with several sheets of paper and a writing utensil.
3. Instruct each group to arrange their chairs in a circle and select a group member to go first.
4. Explain that when you say “go,” you will give them the beginning of a sentence and, after that moment, they should not talk. It can be fun if the sentence relates to the purpose of the group.
5. The first person in the group should continue the sentence by adding one word.
6. The first person then passes the paper to the person on his or her right. That participant should then add one word and hand the paper to the next person in the group. This should continue around the group.
7. Explain to the group that once you say “go,” each group has exactly one minute to pass the paper around so each person can continue to add one word. Their goal is to create the longest sentence possible that also makes sense.
8. At the end of a minute, instruct participants to stop and count how many words are in their sentence. You can do the activity several times with several different sentence starters and determine which group wins the most rounds.

**Group Size:** 11 to 25

**Time Needed:** 20 minutes or more

**Goal:** To examine how, when people contribute to the goal together, the outcome is more rich and rewarding for all

**Audience:** Couples, Teens, Parents, Children, Singles

**Special Considerations:** None

## Resources Needed:

- ✓ A few sheets of paper, preferably on a clipboard
- ✓ One pen/pencil for each group

## Tips for Discussion and Processing

In addition to being a great activity to build group cohesion, this exercise can be a good illustration of synergy. You can discuss with the groups how different the sentences might have looked if they were just writing them individually. You also can discuss how more people can make it more challenging, but they also can make it more rich and interesting.