



PLAYING CARDS

Basic Overview

Group Size: Groups size under 52

Time: 5-10 minutes

Level of Risk: Moderate

Preparation: Deck of playing cards. (If group is larger than 52, use more than one deck.)

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Tip for Success

Teach participants a clear signal to indicate that they are looking for a partner.

After Activity Reflection

Have individuals write down what they remember about things they learned about individuals.

Challenge everyone to connect with 3 or more of the individuals in the next week and ask follow-up questions about the responses they gave.

Instructions

- Have everyone pick a card as they enter the space.
- Display the card suits and meanings:
 - Heart - something that is close to my heart
 - Spade - An outdoor activity I enjoy
 - Club - a group I belong to and why they're important to me
 - Diamond - A strength of mine
- Explain that participants will walk around, finding different people to have brief conversations with. Each conversation should last no more than 30 seconds, with each person sharing their response.
- After individuals have had a chance to connect with a few others in the group, give a quiet signal and have individuals switch cards with their current partner.
- Give participants a few seconds to think of a response to their new prompt and then have participants start mingling again.
- Repeat as many times as your time permits.