

## Pick a Straw

Good for any size group, you can vary the questions used to cover a variety of topics, groups, and situations.

1. Before the members arrive, count out straws or pop sickle sticks, one for each person. If you decide to use this game at the last minute, no problem. You can simply use post-it notes or small slips of paper.
2. Place them in a cup, basket, or bag after marking 20% of them, i.e. two for every ten.
3. Have each member of the group draw one and, if the one they draw is marked, they answer a question.

You can use any set of questions you wish. You can also repeat this process as many times as you wish.

## Sentence Starters

1. Before the members get together, write sentence starters on slips of paper.
2. Have each person pull a slip from a bowl and write their name, read the sentence starter, and then complete it.
3. They should also provide several additional sentences of information that coincides with their sentence starter.
4. Read the completed slips when everyone has arrived to help everyone get to know each other.

**Variation:** Have the members sit in a circle and pull one slip at a time from a bag, basket, or box. Read the sentence starter and have each person take turns completing them.

**The following is a sample list of sentence starters:**

- Although most people don't find...
- I am...
- I have never...
- I love it when...
- I love to...
- I think I have the best...
- I would never...
- My idea of beauty is...
- The best thing I ever did for my child is...
- The best way for me to relax is...
- The best way to save...
- The biggest and best...
- The funniest thing that ever happened to me was...
- The greatest thing my child ever did was...
- The lowest...
- The most important decision I ever made in my life was...
- The most unbelievable thing...
- The thing that makes me laugh is...
- There is nothing I enjoy more than...
- When I think of prunes...

## Whose Story Is It?

This icebreaker game lets you hear some fun, fascinating, and surprising stories.

1. Pass out paper and pens and have everyone take a few minutes to write a personal experience, the stranger the better.
2. Fold the papers and put them into a bag, basket, or box.
3. Have three people at a time sit in front of the group. The leader randomly picks a slip of paper, and hands it to the three people.
4. Each member of the trio reads the paper aloud and then adds some details to the story.
5. The group guesses if the story really belongs to one of three and, if so, to which one.

This continues until all the slips of paper are used. At that point, each person tells his or her own story with additional details.