

RELATIONAL SCAVENGER HUNT

ONLINE VERSION

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OBJECTIVE

Participants will build relationships, get to know each other, and laugh together over Zoom!

MATERIALS

A list of scavenger hunt prompts for participants to find objects in response to. A Zoom account or other video chat software that allows all participants to see each other in gallery mode.

INSTRUCTIONS

Start by explaining that this is a scavenger hunt in which participants will be asked to run around their homes (or wherever they are) to find objects that relate to a list of prompts. Whoever collects objects for the greatest number of prompts will win (just like a regular scavenger hunt). Participants will have a limited amount of time (2 minutes) to collect all objects, so this game is about speed and fun!

Begin with a scavenger hunt warm-up round to get people energized. Announce one item that everyone must find, and give them a really short amount of time to find it.

For example:

- Warm up 1: Find something shiny - you have 10 seconds! Start counting down immediately so people can hear you as they run around finding their shiny item. At the 10 second mark, everyone must be back in front of their screen holding up their shiny item.
- Warm up 2: Find something smelly - you have 7 seconds!
- Warm up 3: Find something cuddly - you have 11 seconds!

Once you have everyone moving and excited, begin the next phase. Send the list of prompts for Round 1 of the scavenger hunt through the chat function. As soon as the prompts have been sent, the timer begins!

Participants have 2 minutes to run around their homes and gather objects relevant to as many of the prompts as possible. You can't use one object for multiple prompts.

The Round 1 prompts should all create opportunities for members of the group to get to know each other.

Example Round 1 Prompts:

- Find something that always makes you smile when you see it.
- Find something that reminds you of your childhood.
- Find something that you wouldn't want to be visible in the background of your Zoom meetings.
- Find something related to your favorite animal.
- Find something that you have been meaning to get rid of.
- Find a book or magazine that you haven't read yet, but really, really want to read.
- Find a food item that you are excited to eat today.
- Find something you made.
- Find a gift you were given that meant a lot to you.
- Find something that makes you roll your eyes when you see it.
- Find something that is possible to wear on your body... but you never would!
- Find an item that you would love to throw as hard as you possibly can against a concrete wall.
- Find an item that makes you feel grateful.

As participants move around their homes gathering objects, loudly announce over Zoom how much time they have left in a playfully urgent tone. For example, "One minute!" "30 seconds!" and "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1." You may wish to use a buzzer or some other sort of fun sound to indicate when time is up.

At the end of the time, have everyone go around in a circle and share the objects they collected for each prompt, explaining the connection (briefly) as they go. Determine who gathered the most objects and declare a winner for the round!

Note: Please be mindful of possible differences in mobility in your group and adapt the game accordingly.

In groups that know each other well, play a second round with prompts that reinforce the relationships already built in the group and how well they know each other.

Example Round 2 Prompts:

- Find something that you know will make a specific person in this group laugh.
- Find something that always reminds you of someone in this group.
- Find an item of clothing that you think someone in this group would be likely to wear.
- Find something that represents this group, i.e. this family, this community, this class, this circle of friends.
- Find an item that gives you strength during hard times.
- Find something that makes you feel proud to be a member of our community.
- Find an object that you would use as a talking piece if you were going to facilitate a circle with this group.
- Find something that brings tears to your eyes.
- Find an item that you wouldn't share with most people... but you're going to let this group in on a secret!
- Find the item that would make the most meaningful or silly centerpiece for a community meal.

DEBRIEF

What is one new or interesting thing you learned about someone else? What is a connection you found with another person? Could any of the objects you chose be used as a circle talking piece in the future? What take-aways do you have in relation to selecting objects for talking pieces?

LESSON

Restorative practices are all about relationships! This is an opportunity to build relationships in a fun and active way that breaks up the monotony of Zoom meetings.