



Five W's and an H

LESSON

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OUTCOME

Participants will introduce their partner to practice communication and social skills effectively by coming up with questions they can ask their peers to get to know them better!

MATERIALS

Pens/Pencils, Provided Worksheet, Whiteboard or Poster Paper

AGE ADJUSTMENTS

This lesson can be used for any age. Be prepared to provide more assistance to younger participants when developing or writing their questions.

Lesson Plan

Introducing the Lesson

- Ask participants to share three things they do when they meet someone new.
- Once everyone has shared, explain the importance of asking questions when you are getting to know someone and that we'll be working on developing good Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How questions to use today.



Why are questions important?

Experiencing the Lesson

- Pass out the provided Worksheet. Have each participant create each type of question. If anybody gets stuck, encourage them to brainstorm with you or a partner.
- Keep an eye on the questions that participants are writing to ensure that they are appropriate and not too high risk..
- Once everyone has completed the worksheet, have them find six others to answer their questions. They must have a different person for each question. Have them write down the responses in the space provided.

"Asking questions helps to show your genuine interest in others, it helps to create a conversation, build rapport and develop relationships. Asking questions also allows others to feel more comfortable asking you one back!"



Closing the Lesson

- After everyone has finished, debrief their experience.
 - Describe your experience asking your questions.
 - What did you enjoy more, asking the questions or answering the questions?
 - Who else do you want to answer your questions?
- Close by encouraging the participants to ask their questions to this person today!

After the Lesson

- Collect all the papers and create a bank of questions that you can share with the group or post in the room. Create a fun tradition of choosing a participant's name from a hat each day to ask the group a question!

Further Exploration



- Have each participant take their worksheet home with them and practice asking their friends and family. The next time you come back together, have participants share some of their favorite answers from people they interviewed.

Get Creative

- Provide plain paper, coloring utensils, and sticky notes.
- Have each participant choose one of their questions and depict it in pictures only. Allow participants to draw or use magazine cutouts if they don't feel comfortable with drawing.
- Put the questions up around the room and have the participants rotate around the room to each question. (see Gallery Walk) If desired, pair up the participants or put in small groups so they can practice collaborative problem solving.
- At each station, the participants try to guess what the question is and add their answer on a sticky note!

Online

- To facilitate this lesson online, play some music while everyone works independently to come up with their questions.
- Depending on what is best for the group size, you can:
 - Put an order in the chat box and have everyone answer each question in that order.
 - Put participants into random or strategic breakout rooms to ask each other questions. Mix up the participants for another round if desired.

Resources

- Sample Questions
 - *Who is your favorite superhero?*
 - *Who is someone you admire?*
 - *What kind of music do you like?*
 - *What is the best ice cream flavor?*
 - *When do you eat breakfast?*
 - *When do you go to bed?*
 - *Where would you go if you could teleport there right now?*
 - *Where are you from?*
 - *How would you spend a rainy day?*
 - *How many siblings do you have?*
 - *Why is it important to be kind to people?*





Questions!

Come up with some questions to ask others!

WHO _____?

Answer:

Answered by:

WHAT _____?

Answer:

Answered by:

WHEN _____?

Answer:

Answered by:

WHERE _____?

Answer:

Answered by:

WHY _____?

Answer:

Answered by:

HOW _____?

Answer:

Answered by:

Worksheet for: Five W's and an H