



Finish The Quote

Fill in the blanks to finish a quote about collaboration

TIME

10-15 minutes



MATERIALS

None

TEAM STAGE

Any Stage

SUMMARY

In this word game, participants recreate the Helen Keller quote, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much," using their own ideas about collaboration in their group.

SET UP

- Preface this activity with a conversation about teamwork and collaboration, or a reflection on the ways that teamwork and collaboration can help the group.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the Helen Keller quote, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" out loud to the group.
- Have each participant recreate the quote by filling in the blanks in the quote structure, "Alone we can ____, together we can ____". The first blank should be something that individual members of the group can do on their own. The second blank should be something that the group can do together through teamwork and collaboration. For example, "Alone I can brainstorm new ideas, together we can bring those ideas to reality".
- Then, have each participant read their version of the quote out loud to the group.

VARIATIONS

-  **Large Group:** To facilitate this activity for a large group, have participants partner up or get in smaller groups. They can share individually in small groups instead of sharing in front of the whole group or small groups can collaboratively recreate the quote and present to the large group together.
-  **Small Group:** To facilitate this activity for a small group, have everyone work together to create multiple versions of the quote.
-  **Online:** To facilitate this activity virtually, use the chat to post a list of names so that participants know when to share their quotes. For a large group variation, have everyone type their version of the quote into the chat instead of reading it out loud, or use breakout rooms to have participants share in smaller groups. [\[click here for video\]](#)
-  **Asynchronous:** To facilitate this activity asynchronously, use an online document to share the original quote and have participants add their own versions below.

DEBRIEF QUESTIONS (on next page)



DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

- What
 - What are some of the things that you thought of when writing your own quote?
 - What stuck out to you as you heard other participant's quotes?
 - So What
 - How have you seen your quote in action with your group?
 - How would you define teamwork or collaboration after this activity?
 - Now What
 - How can you best balance all of these different elements of teamwork as a group?
 - How will you respond in times when the group is not demonstrating good teamwork?
- **Facilitator Note:** These questions can be used to guide a debrief, however, pick the questions that best match the group's experience and add or change questions as needed.