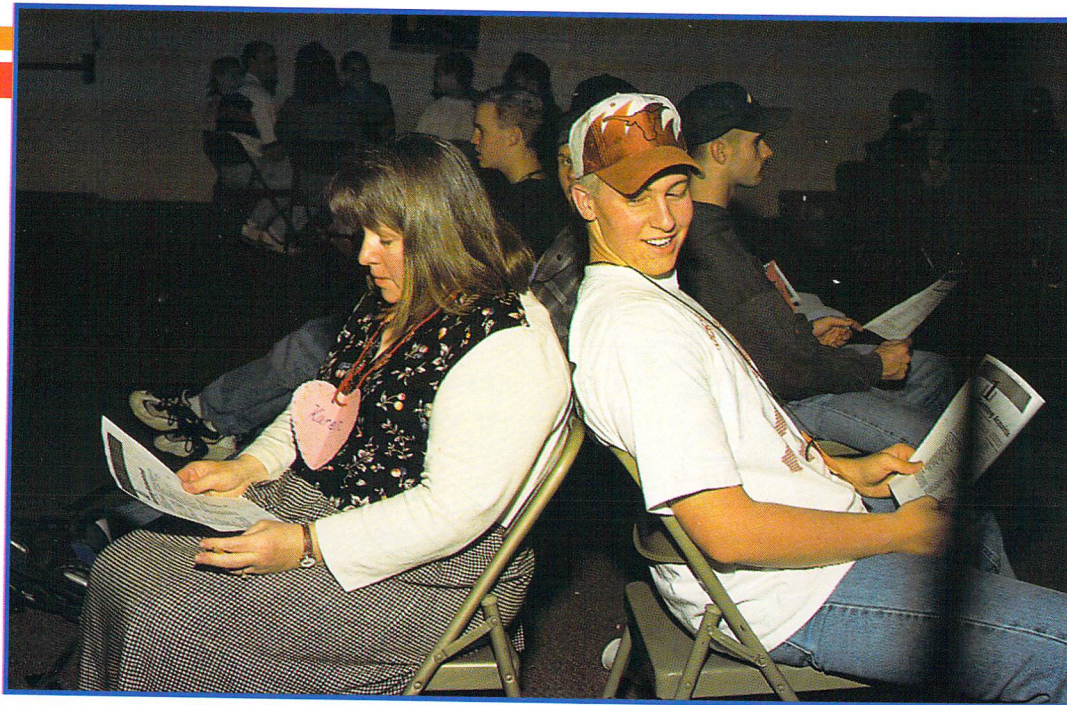# GUESSING GAMES

To make the process of getting acquainted exciting, reverse the procedure of describing yourself and have the others guess your answers. This increases the interest and multiplies the group involvement.

BACK-TO-BACK
Get together with one other person. Sit with your back to theirs and try to recall the following information or predict how your partner would answer the following questions. Then turn around and check out your answers.

1. Color of eyes?

2. Height?

3. Shoe size?

4. Favorite TV program?

5. Favorite magazine?

6. Favorite hobby?

7. The thing that gives them the greatest fulfillment?

8. The word that characterizes their outlook on life right now?

MY PARTNER
Sit back-to-back and let one person guess out loud what their partner would do in each situation: Yes ... No ... or Maybe. Give yourself 10 points for every correct guess. Then reverse roles and let your partner guess about you in these situations.
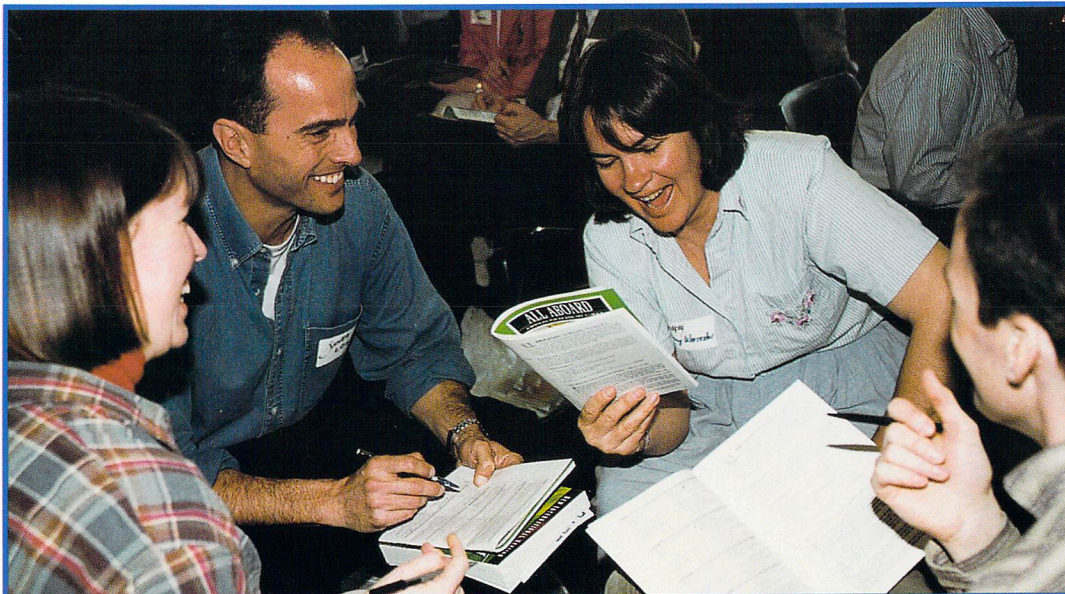
MY PARTNER IS SOMEONE WHO WOULD:	YES	NO	MAYBE
1. Yell at a referee?	Y	N	M
2. Ask for directions if lost?	Y	N	M
3. Go to the restroom if the movie got scary?	Y	N	M
4. Spend instead of save?	Y	N	M
5. Take a day off just for fun?	Y	N	M
6. Buy the latest fashions?	Y	N	M
7. Rather participate in a sport than watch one?	Y	N	M
8. Choose vanilla ice cream over jamoca almond fudge?	Y	N	M
9. Rather ride a motorcycle than a horse?	Y	N	M
10. See a movie more than once?	Y	N	M
11. Choose ESPN over CNN?	Y	N	M
12. Prefer to own a Jeep more than a Mercedes Benz?	Y	N	M
13. Rather be a great moviemaker than a U.S. president?	Y	N	M

THREE FACTS / ONE LIE

Get together in groups of 4. Complete the following statements truthfully—except for one. Yet make that one believable! Then one person at a time reads their answers and lets the others guess where they are lying. Finally, they confess which "fact" was a lie and what would be their honest answer.

1. My favorite game as a child:

2. My favorite TV show at age 12:

3. My favorite music when I was a teenager:

4. My favorite pastime right now:

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Each person creates a verbal picture of someone else in the group by comparing them to the following:

1. A BODY OF WATER. (If the person I am thinking of were a body of water, they would be a deep-flowing stream, a rushing river, or ...)

2. AN INSTRUMENT in a symphony orchestra (kettledrum, French horn, piccolo ...)

3. A FLOWER in a garden (violet, morning glory, red rose ...)

4. A PERFORMER in a circus (lion tamer, clown, tightrope walker ...)

5. A PLAYER on a football team. (If our group were a football team, this person would be quarterback, offensive tackle, coach ...)
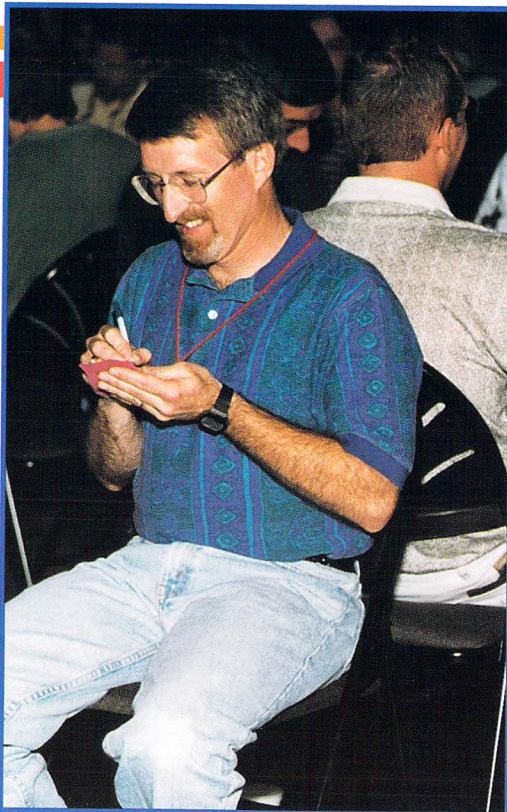
Begin by having each person in the group write their name at the top of a sheet of paper and put it in the center of the circle. After mixing up the sheets of paper, everyone draws one and jots down a comparison for that person in the five categories above.

Then one person at a time reads their list aloud, and the others try to guess who the subject is. After the person is identified, the one describing them explains their answers for the first two: BODY OF WATER and INSTRUMENT OF THE ORCHESTRA. You might say, "I put down a deep-flowing stream because I see Jim as a deep-thinking person."

MYSTERY PERSON

Form groups of 6 to 8. On a blank sheet of paper, answer the questions below. Fold the slips of paper and place them in a bowl in the center of the group. One person takes out a slip, reads the clues aloud, and everyone tries to guess which group member matches the answers. Finally, the mystery person confesses and explains one or two of their answers.

1. A COLOR that reveals your personality.

2. An ANIMAL that portrays the way you see yourself.

3. A SONG that illustrates your philosophy of life.

4. A CAR that symbolizes you in some way.

5. A COMIC STRIP or TV CHARACTER that you identify with.

TWENTY QUESTIONS

Form groups of about 8. Someone in the group thinks of a person in the circle. Then each group member asks one question (do not ask about age or sex, though) that will give a clue as to who it is. For instance:

1. What movie star does this person remind you of? *(Robert Redford)*

2. What would this person do between halves at a football game? *(watch the band)*

3. If our group were a zoo, which animal would this person be? *(a tiger)*

4. How would this person dress for a masquerade ball? *(Superman)*

5. What character out of history (or the Bible) does this person remind you of? *(Jonah)*

After everyone has asked a question, go around again, each one trying to guess from the clues who the person is. Then the one who began reveals the name and explains why they see the person as they do. Repeat the procedure until everyone has been the subject.