

SENTENCE COMPLETIONS

One of the easiest ways to get a conversation started among strangers is to give them a list of half-finished sentences to complete and explain - or to let the partners interview each other, turning the sentences into questions.

The best sentences to use are ones that are completely non-threatening and yet give a person a chance to share some interesting facts about himself/herself, such as sentences that begin with "My favorite" or "If".

Divide the class into groups of eight. Asking the students to sit with people they do not know wellor would like to get to know better.

Ask the students to become a partner with one of the people in their group. After the first sentence is read, one partner takes a minute or so to give and explain his/her answer to his/her partner. Then the partner gives and explains his/her answer. When the time is called, the students are asked to become a partner with someone else in their group. The second sentence is then read and the new partners exchange answers, etc.

SENTENCES: (Choose according to length of time you have)

1. My favorite time in the day is...
2. My favorite room in the house is...
3. My favorite kind of literature is...
4. My favorite holiday in the year is...
5. My favorite kind of music is...
6. My favorite food is...
7. If I could visit any place in the world, I would like to visit...
8. If I had a million dollars to spend for the benefit of mankind I would...
9. If my house caught on fire, the first things I would grab (outside of my family) would be...
10. If I knew I had only one year to live, I would spend the year...
11. The thing that gives me the greatest satisfaction is...
12. The thing that causes me the greatest concern is...
13. The time I feel most alive is...
14. The time I feel most alone is...