

HR BARTENDER - Training Icebreakers

Tell me an icebreaker exercise to use with 20 professional adults in a virtual training program

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Icebreaker Exercise: "Two Truths and a Lie"

Objective:

To help participants get to know each other and build a sense of camaraderie in a fun and engaging way.

Duration:

15-20 minutes

Instructions:

- 1. **Introduction (2 minutes):**
- Explain the exercise to the participants. Each person will share three statements about themselves: two that are true and one that is a lie. The group's task is to guess which statement is the lie.
- 2. **Preparation (3 minutes):**
- Give participants a few minutes to think of their three statements. Encourage them to be creative and share interesting or surprising truths and lies.
- 3. **Sharing and Guessing (10-15 minutes):**
- Select a participant to start. They should introduce themselves briefly and then share their three statements.
- The rest of the group will take turns guessing which statement they think is the lie. Encourage everyone to participate and share their reasoning.
- After everyone has guessed, the participant reveals which statement was the lie.
 - Move on to the next participant and repeat the process.
- 4. **Wrap-Up (2 minutes):**
- Thank everyone for participating and highlight any particularly interesting or funny shared truths and lies.
- Use this opportunity to segue into the next part of the training, reinforcing the importance of communication and getting to know one another.
- **Tips:**
- To ensure everyone gets a turn, manage the time closely, especially if the group is larger.
- If the group is very large, consider breaking them into smaller breakout rooms for this activity.
- Encourage participants to keep their statements professional or neutral to avoid any discomfort.

This exercise is a great way to break the ice and set a positive tone for the training session.

Gemini

Here's a fun icebreaker called "Would You Rather?" that works well for virtual training programs with adults:

Materials:

A list of pre-prepared "Would You Rather?" questions related to work or hobbies (optional)

 A virtual whiteboard or collaborative document (like Google Docs)

Instructions:

- Introduce the activity: Briefly explain that the purpose of the icebreaker is to get to know each other in a lighthearted way.
- 2. Pose the questions: You can either use pre-prepared questions or come up with them on the spot. Here are some examples related to work and hobbies:
 - Would you rather have unlimited coffee or the ability to take a power nap anytime?
 - Would you rather always be one day early or one day late for deadlines?
 - Would you rather learn a new language or a new musical instrument?
 - Would you rather have the ability to fly or be invisible? (Feel free to get creative!)
- Use the virtual whiteboard: After posing a question, ask participants to type their answer (and maybe a brief explanation) on the virtual whiteboard or collaborative document.
- 4. **Discussion (Optional):** After a few questions, open the floor for a quick discussion. Briefly allow participants to elaborate on their choices or ask clarifying questions from others.

Benefits:

- Engaging: "Would You Rather?" questions are fun and thought-provoking, encouraging participation.
- **Low Pressure:** There are no right or wrong answers, making it a comfortable activity for everyone.
- Reveals Preferences: The answers can provide insights into participants' personalities and interests.

Tips:

- Keep the questions light and positive.
- Adjust the difficulty of the questions based on the group.
- Limit the discussion time per question to keep things moving.

This icebreaker is a great way to break the virtual ice and get your training program off to a fun and engaging start!