

PLAYOLOGY - Table Games - Lisa Diedrick

Time	Activity	How	Materials
	Two Truths and a Lie	Record 2 true things and 1 lie about yourself on the card. Introduce yourself to those at your table - telling your name and the 2 truths and 1 lie. Let them guess which piece of information is a lie	notecards pens/pencils
	Statistical Scavenger Hunt	<p>Give groups a score sheet and have them add up their total points, based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add up all their birthdays (the day of the month) • Add up the different birth places (cities) • Add up the number of watches in the group • Add up the number of hospital stays • Add up the number of siblings • Add up the number of different colored socks • Add up the different kinds of toothpaste used 	pens and paper
	Nursery Rhyme Challenge	<p>Each table or group will have one minute to brainstorm a list of nursery rhymes to be sung.</p> <p>A starting group is determined – and the singing proceeds clockwise around the room (or determine the order of groups to sing)</p> <p>Once a rhyme has been sung, it may not be sung again. So have plan B in place</p> <p>The last group able to come up with a not-previously sung rhyme will be crowned the winners and treated with great deference (because that usually means that they have the largest number of the most “mature” participants)</p> <p>Each group needs to be ready to sing without a pause in the rhythm!</p>	paper/pen

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	<p>Scategories</p>	<p>Each group sends a runner to the front to pick up an envelope with the category cards enclosed. The tallest person in the group is the group starter. That person and reads out the category to the group. The person then gives word clues as rapidly as possible to help the group guess the eight words under that category in the correct order. Once the group guesses all eight words, they need to shout and throw up their hands! The beginning of each new round will happen simultaneously with all groups at once.</p> <p>Example: Category is THINGS TO EAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broccoli • Cheesecake • Sirloin steak • Caesar salad • Strawberry ice cream • Baked potato • French fries ▪ Chocolate Candy 	<p>Envelopes with category lists in them</p>
	<p>Pictionary</p>	<p>Draw clues to get your group to guess a word or phrase. Use only pictures – no words or numbers</p> <p>When your group guesses the word or phrase, shout it out loud</p> <p>Use themes for your event, use songs, movie titles, you name it, you can adapt this game for almost any event</p> <p>If you use songs, you can have the whole group stand up and sing the title of the song when they get the answer</p> <p>OR - you can use popsicle sticks to create the “drawings” instead of paper and pens</p>	<p>Paper Pens or markers Popsicle Sticks</p>

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	<p>Name that Celebrity</p>	<p>Each person at the table gets 3 to 4 slips of paper and writes the name of a famous person on each of the slips (one name per slip). The slips go into the basket/box. The slips are then exchanged between the tables.</p> <p>The person with the largest shoe size starts. They have 30-40 seconds to get their team to guess as many of the celebrities as they can by describing them to the team. Toss the slips on the table once they are guessed. If the person giving clues doesn't know a name, the participant can just drop that name back in the basket and pull out a new one.</p> <p>Go around the table until everyone has had a chance to give clues, or you have run out of slips of paper to guess. Record the number of correct answers on your scoresheet. Put all the slips back in a box and send the basket to another table</p>	<p>note cards pencils basket scoresheet</p>
	<p>Make Your Own Bingo</p>	<p>Have each group make their bingo card out of a large sheet of newsprint or poster board. Ask the group to divide their newsprint into 25 squares with their marker. Once that has been done, they get to write FREE in the center square.</p> <p>Now each group writes a different thing having to do with the theme (in this case Christmas) they will have 24 different items on their Bingo card.</p> <p>Each group takes a turn taking one of their post-it notes off the board, announcing to the larger group what their item is (for example, Santa Claus). If no other group has the same item written on their post-it, then that group can REMOVE the post-it from their board. If another group has the same item, then the post-it is placed back on the board and must stay there.</p> <p>The groups take turns one at a time until one group has Bingo. Bingo being 5 post-it notes in a row removed- across, up and down, or diagonally.</p>	<p>Paper Marker Post it Notes Large piece of paper</p>

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	Table Races	<p>Have tables “compete” against each other in theme based races</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be the first table to tell me how many gifts would you receive if you added up all the gifts in every verse in the song the 12 days of Christmas? • List as many words as you can in the allotted time that begin with the letter C that have to do with Christmas? • List as many words as you can by using the letters in the word CHRISTMAS? You may only use the letter the number of times it actually appears in the word • In how many different languages can you say MERRY CHRISTMAS? 	<p>Paper/pencil for each group</p> <p>Watch, stop watch</p>
56		<p>Circle up participants and every group gets a die</p> <p>Each person rolls, and passes the die to the person on their right. As they roll, the group adds the numbers on the die. The group is trying to reach 56 before any of the other groups do. The catch.....if anyone rolls a 1, the group goes back to 0 and addition starts all over again</p>	1 dice for each group
	Hot Dice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The object of the game is to write up to a designated number of numbers on your card. • The beginning player rolls the die. If they get a six, they get the writing utensil and begin numbering their card. If they don't roll a six, they pass the die to the player on their left. • Once a person rolls a six, they continue to write numbers on their card while the other players roll the die attempting to get a six. • When a six is rolled, the person rolling it steals the writing utensil and begins to number their card. • Each time you roll a six, you continue to write numbers on your card (you do not start over each time, start up where you left off) • The person to reach 50 (or 100) declared hot dice champ 	<p>4 dice (1/group)</p> <p>Note card and pencil for each person</p>

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	Crossed Wires	<p>Each participant puts hands on the table. Everyone raises their RIGHT hand in the air and shifts it over the LEFT hand of the person to their right. A signal will be sent around the group. The signal is passed by each hand tapping in turn around the table. For instance, one person starts the signal by tapping her right hand on the table. Next the hand to the right of that hand taps the table and then the hand to the right of that hand taps, and so on. Try to get the signal around the group a time or two. Then try the reversing trick; if someone chooses to tap a hand two times the signal reverses direction. Every time there is a two-tap, the direction changes. Then you can add a fist – that is a skip one hand.</p> <p>This can be done sitting in a circle and placing hands on the knees of the people on either side of you</p>	None OR at Table
	TeaKettle	<p>Homonym game.</p> <p>Two folks go out in the hallway and decide on a set of homophones (two words that sound alike but have different meanings)</p> <p>When they return, they stand in the circle and have a discussion – but each time they would have used the homophone, they replace that word with “teakettle”. As folks in the circle figure out the word pair, they don’t blurt it out, but instead, get out of their chair and join into the conversation. Continue play until everyone figures out the word pair. Take volunteers to go out and come up with another set of homophones.</p>	
backup	What Flavor Ice Cream	<p>2-4 groups</p> <p>Each group is to pick 5 names they will make clues for. They will answer the posted questions for each character picked. After they have finished, they will share these answers with the other groups who will try to guess who they have described. Ask the whole group to help you figure out an example... If George Washington were a flavor of ice cream what would he be? If he were a tree, what would he be?, etc. These answers are what each group will read to the whole group and other groups will try to guess who they are describing.</p>	<p>Names from Personality Pursuit Paper Pencils Ice cream list...</p> <p>A Tree A Movie A Food A Flavor of Ice Cream</p>
TALK ABOUT	Make Your Own Centerpiece		

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TALK ABOUT	Collage Cubes		