Bingo Game

The Bingo Game is an icebreaker that helps people learn interesting facts about each other.  People walk around the room and mingle until they find people that match the facts listed on a bingo-style sheet.

This game is a *get-to-know-you* style icebreaker.  The game works best with a group of about 15- 25 people.  It can be played indoors or outdoors.

Materials required are: printed bingo sheets and pens.

***Setup***

The objective of this game is for people to wander around the room and to obtain the signatures of people who have the facts listed on the bingo sheet.  Once a person successfully obtains a full row (5 in a row), whether horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, he or she shouts “BINGO!” and wins.

This game requires a little bit of setup.  Prepare a 5 by 5 table, with interesting facts written inside the boxes.  These facts can include funny or bizarre things.  For example:

Likes anchovies

Has been to Anglesey

Speaks more than two languages

Has a dog

Has more than four brothers

Has gone without a shower for more than three days

Be creative!

Pass out a sheet to each person, along with a pen.  Explain the objective of the game and the following rules:

(1) each person you talk to may only sign your sheet once, and

(2) to win, you must get signatures to form 5 in a row horizonally, vertically, or diagonally.  Say “Go!” and ask your participants to begin.

Once someone shouts “Bingo!” everyone returns and the person must introduce the people who signed his or her sheet.  If desired, you can ask each person to explain their fact. This icebreaker game is fun way to get to know humorous or unique facts about people.  Enjoy!

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