



Campus Center and Student Activities

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Pick Your Partner

Group Size

Small, Medium, Large

Estimated Time

10 Minutes

Materials Needed

- 5 toothpicks for each participant

Instructions

1. Distribute five toothpicks to each participant.
2. Explain that the goal of this activity is to collect as many toothpicks as possible by using the power of perception
3. Explain that each participant is to challenge another person to disclose some piece of information about him or herself. The challenger will then determine whether the information that is given is true or false. If the challenger guesses correctly, he or she takes one toothpick from the other person. If the challenger is not correct, the other person takes one toothpick from the challenger. Once this exchange has taken place, the roles are reversed with the current partner; then new partners are chosen and the process continues until time is called.
4. Announce that the activity is to begin. Allow five to ten minutes to elapse before calling time
5. Determine who has the most toothpicks and provide a prize to this “most perceptive” participant.

Resources:

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