

Fishbowl Activity

This activity is a quick get to know you activity that does take a small amount of time to prepare for.

First, print off all of the questions on regular paper, or mix it up and use colorful paper. Feel free to create questions that are tailored to fit your organization. After you print them out, cut them into stripes and fold them into quarters.

Once you have all of your strips folded, put them all in a fish bowl or similar shaped glass bowl. You can find clear, glass bowls at your local dollar store.

At your next meeting, have everyone draw a question from the bowl and answer it. This is a fun way to get to know people and to see how they answer the questions.

A variation of this activity could be to draw one question and have everyone answer the same question.



The fishbowl in my office sits on my bookshelf. It is always ready when I need a quick, impromptu get to know you activity.

Questions:

1. If you had to paint the world in only two colors, what would they be and why?
2. Will you hold a conversation or keep quiet in a crowded elevator?
3. Give someone in this room a compliment.
4. When you were in elementary school, what was your favorite recess activity?
5. Would you rather be rich or famous?
6. If you were blind for the rest of your life, what would you miss seeing the most?
7. If you were deaf for the rest of your life, what would you miss hearing the most?
8. If you could be the fruit in the yogurt, would you be the fruit on the bottom or fruit mixed in and why?
9. If you could plan your "Ultimate Vacation" where would you go?
10. What dessert describes you best and why?

11. What kind of music do you like?
12. What is your best personality characteristic?
13. What is your worst personality characteristic?
14. If someone rented a billboard for you, what would you put on it?
15. If you were a flower, which one would you like to be? Why?
16. If you could meet and spend time with any person, living or dead, who would they be? Why?
17. When was the last time you did something for the first time?
18. If you knew you could not fail, what would you do?
19. Who inspires you and how are you like them?
20. Do you like chocolate with or without nuts?
21. Have you ever had a reoccurring dream? What was it?

22. What makes you feel the most secure?

23. If you were to write a book, what would it be about?

24. If you had one extra hour of free time every day, how would you use it?

25. What song has been stuck in your head?

26. What do you think the most ultimate gift in the world is?

27. If you were given 24 hours to live, what would you do?

28. What is the weirdest food you have ever eaten?

29. If a movie was being made of your life and you could choose the actor/actress to play you, who would you choose and why?

30. With which President, living or dead, would you most like to hang out?

31. If you were to perform in the circus, what would you do?

32. What was the most valuable thing you owned when you were a child?

33. What things are priorities in your life?

34. How are you like your mom? How are you different?

35. How are you like your dad? How are you different?

36. If you were unlimited by money, where would you vacation?

37. For what would you like to be known?

38. Tell an unusual fact about yourself?

39. What is your dream car?

40. What is the hardest thing you ever had to do?

41. You were just given a yacht. What would you name it?

42. If you could have been told one thing that you weren't told when you were a kid, what would you have liked to hear?

43. What is something you have that is of sentimental value?
44. Which family member has had the greatest influence on your current way of thinking?
45. If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?
46. What makes you decide that something is important in your life?
47. If your house was on fire and you could only rescue one thing (not a person or pet), what would it be and why?
48. When you were 6 years old, what did you want to be when you grew up?
49. What kind of hat describes your personality?
50. Would you rather be in a crowd or the only person on earth?
51. What household chore do you hate the most?
52. What is the best thing you have done in your life?
53. If you could only listen to one song for the rest of your life, what would it be?

54. What is your favorite snack or candy?

55. What is one thing you would really like to learn how to do?

56. Describe the worst thing you ever had to wear to school.

57. If you could be an Olympic athlete, in which event would you compete?

58. What fashion trend do you wish would come back?

59. What is your favorite Holiday tradition?

60. If you had a pet monkey, what would you name it?

61. Name two things everyone in the group has in common.

62. Tell a tradition you would like to pass on to your children.

63. Do you have a curfew? What time is it?

64. Do you receive an allowance? What do you do for it?

65. What is your earliest memory?

66. What is your favorite sport to watch? To play?

67. What is your favorite sports team? Why?

68. What are your plans for after high school?

69. What activities do you participate in and outside of school? What is your favorite?

70. Who is in your family?

71. If you could go out to eat with anyone in the world, who would it be? Why?

72. What do you like best about your hometown?

73. Are you a better listener or talker?

74. What is your passion (the thing to which you are most committed)?

75. If you could be any color in the Crayola box, what color would you be and why?

76. Name three things you think will be obsolete in 10 years.

77. Do you wake up to music or a buzzer? Why?

78. What would you like to achieve in this year that you didn't achieve last year?

79. What's the greatest compliment you ever received?

80. Name an important event that happened to you this past month?

81. Would you prefer living in the country or city?

82. Would you prefer living near the beach or mountains?

83. What is your family position (First, Last, Only, etc.)? What are the advantages and disadvantages to that?

84. When you were a child, who was your hero and why?

85. If you could choose to be an animal rather than a human, what would you be and why?

86. If someone were to write an epitaph on your gravestone, what do you think it would say?

87. Which is more valuable to you, the ability to see or the ability to hear? Why?