

ICE BREAKERS

Month: November



THE SHAPE OF THINGS!

Mixer

Show pictures of four basic shapes. A square, a circle, a triangle and a squiggle (or curly cue). Ask members of class to select the shape to which they best relate.

Have individuals form a group with others who selected the same shape.

Have individuals introduce themselves to others in their group. Ask individuals in each group to give reasons why they selected that shape.

Next, tell the entire class what each shape represents.

A square is someone that does things the same way. They are very methodical and dependable.

A circle is a person that keeps coming back to the same place to regroup. Circles are very inquisitive people, likes to talk and ask questions. These thinkers may not be considered by some as the most productive.

A triangle represents someone that gets things done. They are very direct and organized.

A squiggle represents a very creative person who is often sociable. When describing this person, some might go so far as to say that "the lights are on, but nobody's home" at times.

Afterward, state: These suggestions are NOT scientifically based and are just for fun. However, there probably is an underlying tie between those of you that chose each shape.

Goal: Have people see that there are different personality types. Certain personality traits or common experience link people together. Perceptions of "linkages" may be very different, even within a group.

(Womack, 1998)