

## Ice Breaker: People Bingo

This week's Sweet Surprise is a fun ice-breaker suitable for older children and adults alike. Prepare and play by following the instructions below.



This ice breaker is suitable for groups of 10 or more players.

1. Select the most suitable size of game card for the number of people playing and create one card for each player.


Suitable game card (9 boxes) for 10 - 20 people


Suitable game card (16 boxes) for 20 - 30 people


Suitable game card (25 boxes) for 30 or more people

2. Create a list of challenges from those below along with ideas of your own.

Find Someone Who:

- a) is the same height as you
- b) was born in the same year as you
- c) is wearing the same colour shoes as you
- d) lives in the same district as you
- e) shares the same favourite food as you

- f) has the same number of siblings as you
- g) is younger than you
- h) is at least 5 years older than you
- i) shares your first name
- j) was born in the same town as you
- k) can sing a few lines of your favourite song
- l) likes your favourite tv programme
- m) has seen your favourite film
- n) is wearing the same colour top as you
- o) is wearing the same colour bottoms as you
- p) has the same hair colour as you
- q) has the same length of hair as you
- r) shares your favourite pastime
- s) shares the same favourite drink as you
- t) likes to exercise in the same way that you do
- u) likes the same kind of weather that you do
- v) goes to bed at the same time as you
- w) shares the same belief system as you
- x) has the same dream vacation as you
- y) has the same favourite household task as you
- z) has the same talent as you

3. Post copies of the challenge list around the room so they are visible to all.
4. Provide everyone with a pen, a small piece of card and a game card.
5. Ask everyone to write their first and last name on their small card.
6. Collect all small name cards and put them into a bag for use in part 2 of the game.

7. Instruct players how to play Part 1 - Building a Game Card:

- a) Players should mingle to find people who match a challenge description.
- b) When they find someone who fits, they should write their name in any box.
- c) Players can only use each challenge and enter a player's name once.
- d) When everyone's name card is full, it's time to play bingo.

8. Instruct players how to play Part 2 - Playing Bingo:

- a) Shake the bag of names before pulling one out and reading the name aloud.
- b) If a player has the name you call out on their card, they should cross it out.
- c) Keep drawing and calling out names until someone shouts bingo.
- d) Bingo is called when a player crosses all names in one line in any direction.
- e) Check the card and if names crossed have been called, award a small prize.
- f) Continue playing in the same way until bingo is called for a full house.
- g) A full house is when someone has crossed out all names on their card.
- h) Check the player's card and if all are correctly crossed, award a prize.

© Elaine Pounder, 2018

Permission to share this material in fellowship groups is given providing no charges are made.  
 Permission to republish this material will be given if you email [admin@thelittlechurchworld.org](mailto:admin@thelittlechurchworld.org)  
 For more great ideas visit Barbara's Sweet Surprises at <https://tlcwhk.com/barbaras-womens-fellowship/>