

Two to Tango

Type: X **Introductory** **Working** **Closing** **Game**
Low Risk – Growing Risk – Ending – Active Exercise –
Getting to know Personal Saying goodbye For group building
each other awareness and fun

Optimum Group Size: 10-40

Materials Needed: Name slips listing famous pairs of people.

Outline of Activity:

This activity is a great way for pairing people with a smile by encouraging participants to ham it up a bit – and consequently, have fun. It’s a wonderful energizer since it may be used at any time during a program.

We’ve all heard the adages “It takes two to tango” and “Two heads are better than one.” Forget the one that says “If you want something done right, do it yourself.”

Give each participant a card with one half on a famous pair on it. For example, one person might get Hansel, while another gets Gretel. Explain that they are not to reveal their person to anyone else. Ask the group to move to an empty space in the room and remain standing. Explain to them that somebody in the room got the card naming the other half of their famous pair. The task is to find that other person, but explain that it’s not as easy as it sounds. They are not to say their character names out loud. Tell them they will address each person individually and say something – without using names – that their person would say or do. They should do this with each person until they find their partner. For example, the participant holding Hansel’s card might walk around saying “I wonder how we could get out of this forest” until Gretel is found. Give the signal for them to begin circulating. When it looks as if all of the partners have found one another, tell each pair to introduce themselves to the rest of the group using their fictitious names and relating what they said to one another..

Let participants know this is an energizer. Keep it light and quick. If you have some real hams in the group, let them act it out.

Note: As a variation:

- > Ask participants to act out their roles without talking.
- > Give half the group both cards and have them choose a person to be their partner.
- > If you have a small group, have them sit in a circle and say their pieces one at a time until they have partnered up.

Goal:

Getting to know you; grouping people.

How to Process: (As a Facilitator, What points need to be covered after completing activity?):

Processing is optional.

What was most difficult for you during the game?

How could it have been better?

What did you learn from this game?

Is this a competitive or cooperative game?

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