**Ice Breakers**

<http://www.kstoolkit.org/Icebreakers>

Some examples:

**Achieving consensus**: [http://www.kstoolkit.org/Achieving+concensus](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Achieving%2Bconcensus)

This is an icebreaker where group members have to agree to agree or disagree with one another on a list of somewhat controversial statements. The participants start in small groups but cluster into bigger groups until the whole group is supposed to come to an agreement on agreement or disagreement with the controversial statements.

**When to use**

This icebreaker allows participants to start thinking about the issues to be discussed during the workshop while also experiencing such group dynamics as coming to a consensus, voting on decisions, identifying group leaders and shier people, and managing time.

[**Ball around the world**](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Ball%2Baround%2Bthe%2Bworld): [http://www.kstoolkit.org/Ball+around+the+world](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Ball%2Baround%2Bthe%2Bworld)

A very simple energizer to replace the boring round of table of self-introductions at the beginning of an international workshop.

**When to use**

Whenever you start a face-to-face workshop with people that do not know each other and come from different countries. Whether it is applicable of not in your specific context in terms of formality vs informality of the setting is up to the facilitator to judge, obviously.

[**Find somebody who...**](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Find%2Bsomebody%2Bwho...) [http://www.kstoolkit.org/Find+somebody+who...](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Find%2Bsomebody%2Bwho...)

This is an icebreaker where all participants have to find within the group another person who has one of the attributes listed by the group facilitator.

**‍When to use**

This icebreaker is a great method to get people who have never met each other to become more comfortable with one another at the beginning of a meeting.

[**Human Spectrogram**](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Human%2BSpectrogram)**:** [http://www.kstoolkit.org/%20Human+Spectrogram](http://www.kstoolkit.org/%20Human%2BSpectrogram)

A group face to face exercise to help surface similarities and differences in a group, help people to get to know each other and to do something together that is active.

**When to use**

As an opening exercise (i.e. icebreaker) to help people to get to know each other

As a way to get issues open and discussable

To interact with both words and with our bodies (to break up too much sitting -based activities.)

For helping a group get a sense of the complexity of an issue or problem.

[**Just three words**](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Just%2Bthree%2Bwords)**:** [http://www.kstoolkit.org/Just+three+words](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Just%2Bthree%2Bwords)

A verbal or written method to quickly elicit short, focused participation from people in a group. By limiting a contribution to only three words, people have to distill their response. Allows input from many people whereas longer comments take a long time. People will also get creative and improvise or "riff" off of previous contributions which can take the interaction in surprising new directions.

**When to use**

As an icebreaker

As a short, provocative personal introductions activity (sort of like three "tags" about yourself)

As a way to get quick feedback from many people and allow EVERYONE to speak

To summarize by the group, for the group

To add a playful element- a break! When a group is getting stuck in their progress and you need to add energy or change direction

**Other Ice Breakers**

[**Line-up**](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Line-up)**:** <http://www.kstoolkit.org/Line-up>

[**My wish for today**](http://www.kstoolkit.org/My%2Bwish%2Bfor%2Btoday)**:** [http://www.kstoolkit.org/My+wish+for+today](http://www.kstoolkit.org/My%2Bwish%2Bfor%2Btoday)

[**One fact about yourself**](http://bit.ly/kGRtA)**:** <http://gaurisalokhe.blogspot.com/2009/08/icebreaker-tell-one-fact-about-yourself.html>[Sociometric Introduction](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Sociometric%2BIntroduction) and [http://www.kstoolkit.org/Sociometric+Introduction](http://www.kstoolkit.org/Sociometric%2BIntroduction)

[**Speed Networking**](http://gaurisalokhe.blogspot.com/2010/11/un-knowledge-fair-opens-with-speed.html)**:** <http://gaurisalokhe.blogspot.com/2010/11/un-knowledge-fair-opens-with-speed.html>

[**Tagging**](http://gaurisalokhe.blogspot.com/2008/10/tagging-icebreaker.html)**:** <http://gaurisalokhe.blogspot.com/2008/10/tagging-icebreaker.html>

[**Who Am I?**](http://gaurisalokhe.blogspot.com/2008/10/icebreaker-who-am-i.html) <http://gaurisalokhe.blogspot.com/2008/10/icebreaker-who-am-i.html>

**Other Resources:**

<http://www.bethkanter.org/connect-inspire-engage/>

[http://socialmedia-for-trainers.wikispaces.com/Facilitation+Tips+and+Resources](http://socialmedia-for-trainers.wikispaces.com/Facilitation%2BTips%2Band%2BResources)