



Things in Common

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Break the group into small groups. Give them 15 minutes to meet separately and figure out 10 things that the entire small group has in common. They can't be *FIRST*-related, or obvious things like, we all have arms, we all have t-shirts on, etc. It has to be other things (to foster some communication). One person in the group has to be the scribe and take notes.

Give teams a heads-up when ten minutes have passed, and again a couple of minutes before time is up. Call the entire group back together and each small group will read the 10 things they have in common. Ask if others on the team also share these things in common. Ask if anyone was surprised by any of the answers (you may find that the mentors and students all like rock and roll songs from the 60s, for example).

This is a quick exercise that can be done at the beginning of any team meeting.