



# Top 10 Workshop Games and Energizers

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**This presentation shows a collection of short & fun group activities that get participants energized and in the zone for the workshop.**



# WORKSHOP GAMES

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# #6 The Elephant

## Goal

Make people laugh  
Foster creativity  
Introduce lean  
startup

## Categories

FUN  
SHORT  
CREATIVITY  
SINGLE WORK

## # of People

Unlimited

## Time

5 Minutes

## Stuff you need

1 White A4 Paper  
per participant

## How to do it

1. Tell all participants to grab a standard A4 white paper.
2. Tell them they have now 60 seconds time to build an elephant out of it.
3. Have fun looking at the elephants..

## Results

People really enjoy this short and sweet activity. They also should take away 3 learnings:

- 1) In a short period of time impossible things can be built.
- 2) Fast prototyping and iterations are better than building for ages.
- 3) Elephants can either be cute or monstrous.



# #7 Lego Fun

## Goal

Inject playfulness  
Let people create something  
Multiple use cases depending on workshop

## Categories

FUN  
SHORT  
CREATIVITY  
SINGLE WORK

## # of People

unlimited

## Time

10-60 minutes

## Stuff you need

Lego set for every participant

## i How to do it

You can use Lego in multiple activities to engage people in a workshop. For each activity first split people in groups of max 5 (on a table or through a breakout room), then give people 5 minutes to build something in Lego and then present it to the group (1-2 min per person). Here a list of things to be built depending on the workshop setting and teams:

- 1) Get-to-know each other: Create your favorite hobby; Create what you are proud of in your job / company; Create your secret skill
- 2) Inspire team spirit/ Connect people: Create what is most important for you in team work;
- 3) Do a team check-in or retro: Build something that represents how you feel at the moment; Build your highlight, low-light of the day / month / year regarding this project / team / company
- 4) Many other things like solving conflicts, building strategy...

## 💡 Results

For whatever you use it, Lego really helps people to open up and share with each other.



# #8

# Creative Assembly Line

## 🎯 Goal

Inspire creativity  
Inspire team spirit  
Warm-up for  
creative work /  
brainstorming

## 📁 Categories

FUN  
SHORT  
CREATIVITY  
GROUP WORK

## 👥 # of People

5 People per group  
unlimited groups

## 🕒 Time

10 minutes

## ✂️ Stuff you need

1 White A4 Paper  
per participant  
Pens in same color  
for each participant

## 📌 How to do it

**INTRO:** Tell people that Assembly Lines are the best example of strong team work. Every person plays a key role and only together the product can be finished perfectly. Today we want to challenge if we can also use the assembly line model for creativity and jointly with the help of each team member create a final creative product.

### HOW IT WORKS

Separate people into groups of 5 and let them sit around a table each with an white A4 paper in front of them.

Tell them to follow 5 simple instructions of you to jointly get creative.

- 1) Draw a form shape, *pass it on to the right*
- 2) Make something out of the form (person, object, animal, - be creative), *pass it on to the right*
- 3) Add environment to the form (forrest, universe - where could the object be in?), *pass it on to the right*
- 4) Add action or drama to the paper, don't use text, but drawing, *pass it on to the right*
- 5) Add text (speech bubble, description)

## 💡 Results

The groups will fun and creative drawings and have a great laugh about their joint outcomes.



Picture originally by Session Lab

# #9 The Circles

## 🎯 Goal

Foster creativity  
Think outside the  
circle ;)

## 📁 Categories

CREATIVITY  
SHORT  
FUN  
SINGLE WORK

## 👥 # of People

Unlimited

## 🕒 Time

5 Minutes (3 Minutes  
Exercise - 2 Min  
Outcomes)

## ✂️ Stuff you need

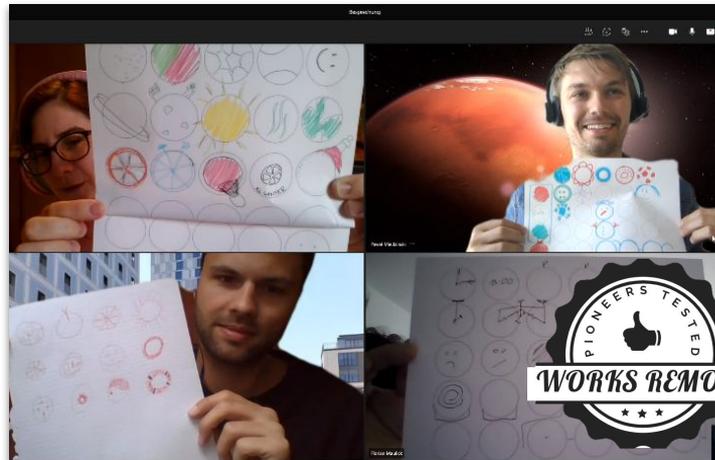
1 White A4 Paper  
per participant with  
30 circles

## 📄 How to do it

1. Tell all participants to grab a standard A4 white paper. They should sketch 30 empty circles on it.
2. Tell them they have now 3 minutes time to sketch different objects out of these circles
3. The objects don't have to be in the circles, but the circles should/could be part of the object itself (e.g. clock, wheel, football, planet, etc.)

## 💡 Results

People really enjoy this short and sweet activity. They take away one major learning: Ideation is about quantity in the beginning. The participants come up with as many ideas as possible in a short period of time, therefore also forcing themselves to think out-of-the-box.





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