Connecting Stories

# Purpose

* A fun way to get people to share stories, while helping people learn similarities or common interests.

# Facilitation Instructions

* The first player begins by sharing an interesting memory or experience that they have. For example, one player can say: “One time, I accidently locked myself out of the house So then I spent the entire day at the coffee shop.”
* Any other person can tell a related story that has any similar themes or elements to the previous story. For example, the next person can say, “I love coffee! Every day I drink 3 cups of coffee and it sometimes prevents me from being able to sleep at night.”
* The next player, based upon the previous story shared, can say something related such as: “I don’t sleep much at night because I play lots of computer games until early morning.”
* To help the group remember each part of the story, write a few words on a post-it note or shared electronic document for each part of the story line.
* Consider having a designated prompt. For example, “That reminds me of a time…” or “Picking up on your theme of…”. This can help participants transitions into a new story.

# Time/Commitment Needed

* Icebreaker/ warm up activity
* Low time commitment

# Reference

[Icebreakers.ws](https://www.icebreakers.ws/small-group/connecting-stories.html)