

Creating in groups by smelling the story



OBJECTIVES:

- Stimulating group creativity
- Encourage listening and collaboration
- Producing a collective creation



AXES:

Collective emotional intelligence

AGE GROUPS:

Children from 6 to 12 years old grouped in 4 or 5



STEP BY STEP DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

>> Introduction to the activity

Divide the group into small groups of 4 or 5 people, each group sits around a table. On each table, place one bag of each category ("Character", "Place", "Action") three sheets of paper per person + pens.

1. Distribute the first container containing a specific odor to each group.
2. Invite them to smell the contents of the container with their eyes closed, to imagine a character (real or imaginary) inspired by the smell, to write this character on a piece of paper and put it in the bag called "Character". All in silence so as not to condition the imagination of the other children.
3. Once all participants have placed their character in the bag, they are provided with the second container, containing another specific smell. This time they are asked, again without looking, to smell the smell of the contents and imagine a place they relate to that smell. As in the previous step, invite them to write the place on a piece of paper and put it in the bag called "Place".
4. During the third recipient's turn, the same steps are repeated but this time they will be asked to think of an "Action" that evokes the smell.
5. Then invite the participants to discover what they had written in the "Character" box, to share similarities and differences. Repeat the same steps with the other 2 categories (place and action).
6. Ask each group to collect the words according to the theme to which they belong and to re-introduce them into the corresponding bag.
7. Invite participants in each group to take a piece of paper from each bag to get 1 character, 1 place and 1 action.
8. From these 3 elements, invite each group to create a story containing at least these 3 words.
9. Once the story is ready, each group presents the created story to the other groups. Suggest to them to present it in an artistic way: acting, singing, rapping... the participants are free to find their own way.

>> Closing of the activity

Ask participants what they thought of the activity and invite them to discover the ingredients (words) of each bag together.



MATERIALS:

- 3 containers/jars per group with different smells (4 or 5 people per group). On the outside, each jar should have a label indicating "character", "place", "action".
- 3 opaque bags per group: one with the label "character", one with the label "place", and one with the label "action".
- 3 slips of paper and a pen per person
- A comfortable space with chairs (one per participant)

METHODOLOGY:

Storytelling



PREPARATION

Prior knowledge

- Sort the containers/canisters and opaque plastic bags into 3 categories: "character", "place", "action". Label them with a label with this category.
- For each category, invent a "recipe" to create the smell: be creative, mix all kinds of ingredients, e.g. coffee + pepper + curry in the "Character" jar, paste + soap in the "place" jar and scented candles in the "action" jar.



TIPS FOR THE PERSON DOING IT

- Take the time to explain each stage of the activity.
- Do not proceed to the next stage without making sure that the whole group has finished.



WHEN:

This activity can be carried out at any time



DURATION: 1h30m