

Teambuilding Activity 1: Headlines!

Purposes:

- To illustrate that creativity is in each of us! It's not "**How creative are you?**" but "**How are you creative?**"
- To emphasize the individuality of each team member, and provide the opportunity for team members to get to know each other better and build respect for each other.

Materials:

- One sheet of newspaper for each team member.
- One highlighter for each team member.
- Stopwatch or timer.

Set Up:

- Give each team member a page of a newspaper and a highlighter. The newspaper can be a huge single sheet (four pages of print), or you can tear it in half for one sheet of paper (two pages, front/back). The pages used must have news articles and/or features, not the stock section or sections that are primarily numbers.

Procedure:

1. Have each team member look over their newspaper and **choose from one to five sequential words that could serve as a headline that are related in some way to being on a Destination ImagiNation® team**. The words do not actually have to be part of a headline; they can appear in any text copy, anyplace on the newspaper page.

Have the team members highlight the phrases as they find and choose them.

Allow about three to five minutes for the team members to search their newspaper.

2. At the end of the allowed time, call 'Time' and have each team member share one or two of his/her 'headlines' chosen and explain what the words have to do with being a team member.
3. Ask and discuss:
 - What words did you find that you would you consider creative?
 - List any unusually funny terms, puns or plays on words that made a headline. Point out that verbal creativity is useful for teams.
 - List any practical words or clear descriptions that made a headline. Point out that clarity is useful for teams.
 - Point out that each person brought individual perception to a page of words written by someone else for another purpose and applied the words in a new context. This shows flexibility and originality, both important components of creativity!

Variation of this Activity:

Change the focus of the Headline. Ask team members to find Headlines that relate to:

- teamwork!
- the theme of their performance
- the personification of a character in their performance
- the use of an Improv Item (see *Rules of the Road* for Improv Elements description)
- the making of a three word Improv Phrase (see *Rules of the Road*, as stated above)