



# Imagination Games for Connection and Creativity

## Yes, And . . .

This imagination-based storytelling game works with groups from 5 years old and up. The game ignites the imagination, develops listening skills, and generates a positive atmosphere in your group.

Begin by asking participants to form circles of 3 or 4 people and decide who will go first (A).

- (A) begins by making up a story. It can be any story, past, present, or future. After setting the stage through three or four sentences, (A) stops at the end of a sentence.
- (B) picks up the story with the words, “Yes, and...” (B) then continues to tell the story in the same voice as (A). This means, if the story was started in the first person, the story continues in first person. (B) adds three or four sentences and stops at the end of a sentence.
- (C) then picks up the story with, “Yes, and...”, adds to the story and stops at the end of a sentence. The story continues around and around the circle with each person picking up with the words, “Yes, and...”
- Let the storytelling go for 7-10 minutes and then call “stop.”

**Tips:** Make sure participants know they are to come to the end of a sentence before passing it on to the next person. Demonstrate what you mean by everyone in the circle using the same storytelling voice. Encourage participants to stand up while playing this game. People naturally add more gestures and energy to their stories when they are standing.

### Online Tech notes:

- Encourage people to use gallery view, and unmute themselves before the game starts
- Create an order (a list of the participants) and type it into the chat box.
- Decide on the amount of time or “rounds” you want to do, or let the group know when there are only a couple more turns left so they can bring the story to a close.
- If you have split your groups into breakout rooms, ask each group to come up with a title for their story to share back with the whole group.

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