

This Breakout Room activity is dedicated to practicing active listening with the intention of interviewing the speaker and drawing conclusions.

ASSIGN ROLES

Speaker – this role will speak for 1-2 minutes on any topic from the below list. Be careful that your speech doesn't give away the answer.

Questioners – the rest of the group will automatically be designated questioners. Your role as a questioner is to ask the Speaker questions about their speech with the goal of gathering enough evidence to make a case that the answer you've come up with is correct.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Speaker chooses from this list and speaks for 1-2 minutes.

1	Describe your ideal vacation without naming it or giving too many details (ex.: instead of Disney World, you can say family fun)
2	Describe your favorite movie without naming it, or giving too many details about it (avoid naming actor names or the title)
3	Describe your favorite restaurant avoid naming it, instead relying on components of the meal
4	Describe your perfect Sunday afternoon

STEP 2: LISTENERS ASK QUESTIONS

Using the materials provided in the training, ask questions. Keep in mind our question pyramid and the art of asking open- and close- ended questions (Yes, it is cheating if you just ask the Speaker to just answer what it is they were talking about) Speaker answers questions without giving away the answer.

STEP 3: REPORT OUT

Listeners each provide a quick report to the Speaker stating their conclusion and what evidence they used to arrive at this conclusion.

STEP 4: SPEAKER COMPLETES ACTIVITY

Speaker discloses what their speech was about to the group.

