

The Analogy Circle

Host card | 3-10 players | Approx. 10-15 minutes | 1.0.0

Connect two unexpected objects by finding something they share. A useful explanation matters more than a fast answer.

Bring and set up

An optional sheet for noting the objects.

Choose a host and agree to use objects rather than names of guests. Each player may pass or ask a partner for help.

The host privately chooses an everyday object. Before revealing it, collect one different object from each player.

How to play

1. Reveal the host object. Ask each player how their object could be like it.
2. Accept an explanation that gives a shared feature, use, shape or imaginative connection. There can be many reasonable answers.
3. A buddy may add an idea after the player has had thinking time. Rotate the host after everyone has had a turn.

An umbrella and a tree

Both can give shade; both have a long central support and a wider top. "They are exactly the same" does not explain a connection. Ask which feature the player has in mind, without treating this as a quiz.

Three-part session

1. A pencil: Collect the players' objects, then reveal that the host object is a pencil. Ask for a connection to each one.
2. A bridge: Use a bridge as the common object. Encourage explanations about what things do, as well as what they look like.
3. Players choose: A new host secretly chooses an object. Give each guest a chance to explain or to invite a buddy.

Offer support

Reveal both objects at the start and offer a prompt: shape, material, use or place. Pictures can help a child who does not know an object name.

If something goes wrong

If the group disagrees, ask the speaker to explain their imagined situation. Accept creative links as creative links; factual claims can be checked after the round.

Finish together

Invite each guest to repeat a connection they enjoyed. The session ends when everyone has contributed or chosen to pass.

Party Puzzle Parcel | Free host materials | Adult-led session; time is a planning estimate.

Rules reference: Project Gutenberg 25660; what is my thought like. Original modern host instructions.