

Activity: Will the Mystery Guest Enter and Sign in Please?
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Purpose: To give participants an opportunity to introduce themselves and meet their fellow participants.

Objectives: By participating in this opening activity, participants will be able to:

- Share information about themselves;
- Learn about their peers;
- Laugh.

Process: with

- Have various flipcharts pages posted on the wall around the room, the letters:

A - D
E - I
J - N
O - S
T - Z

- After everyone arrives, have them proceed to the flipchart pad that has the first letter of their last name;
- Once in position, they should write their first, middle and last names and the city, state and country of their birth;
- Tell them they then have 15-20 minutes (depending on group size) to get to know one another and share a funny incident involving their name, place of birth or life;
- At the end of the designated time, ask them to have a seat;
- Ask for a volunteer to share the funniest thing they told others in their group;
- Explain that throughout the session they will get to know everyone;
- Have each person introduce him/herself so everyone can place a name with a face.

Materials Needed:

- Prepared flip chart pages
- Assorted colored markers.
- Masking tape.

Time Required: Approximately 45 minutes.

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