

What is it for?

A group activity to write a statement in exactly 16 words, then 8 words, then 4 words.

Time & People

30 – 45 minutes
Up to 50 people

Materials

A3 paper
Marker pens

Source

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Description

- Break the group into diverse groupings of 5 – 7 people
- Ask them to write a description of the topic (eg their unit's role, the purpose of the program, etc) in exactly 16 words – no more, no less
- When the groups have finished have them present their descriptions.
- Ask the other groups to pass 'judgment' in the usual manner eg clapping and cheering
- When all the descriptions have been heard, instruct the groups that they can now take any ideas from all the descriptions and rewrite their statement, this time, in exactly 8 words (no more, no less)
- Repeat the process if time permits and do the statements of four words.
Debrief
- What did this process do to our understanding of 'x'?
- What new insights do we have about 'x'?