

Criminal Activity

What This is a fun, highly interactive energizer.

When This activity can be used at any time. It is a great short activity around body language and non-verbal communications skills or observation skills.

How 1. **Set Up:** You need a table and a regular deck of cards.

Use a deck of cards with one Jack of Spades, and one Ace of Hearts. All other cards are numbered cards 2 - 10. (Remove all other face cards).

2. **Instructions:** Deal all the cards face down to all the players. This ensures that the Ace and Jack are distributed. No one reveals their cards to anyone else.
3. The person that draws the Jack is the Criminal. The person that draws the Ace is the Cop.
4. The criminal needs to recruit other criminals by winking at them, but without getting caught by the cop.
5. Any person who sees a wink is to wait a few seconds, so as not to be obvious, and then say, "I committed a crime." That person then turns in his cards, face down, and is out of the game.
6. The object is for the Cop to catch the criminal as quickly as possible. If the cop misidentifies the criminal, he loses the game, cards are gathered, shuffled and redistributed.

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