

MATES Junior Activity

Resource Guide

Goal: **Prosocial Competency**

Activity Type: Individual, mentee pairs

Relationship Stage: Any

Activity Name:

"Conversation Questions"

Objective:

To practice how to ask questions and listen in conversations

Preparation Time:

None

Activity Duration:

10-15 minutes

Required Material:

None

Instructions:

- In pairs (either mentor/mentee or mentee/mentee), one person makes a statement about themselves (e.g., I work as a teacher, I have a pet cat, I play cricket). Their partner responds by asking questions about that statement to elicit further information about it (e.g., what school do you teach at? What is your cat's name? What team do you play for?). Go back and forth for five questions.
- After five questions, switch positions.
- When both partners have had a turn, find a third person. Each partner should tell the third person what they found out about the other person from their questions. This demonstrates how carefully each person listened to the answers.

Further Notes:

- Players can make up a statement and subsequent answers if they like. The point is not necessarily to be factual, but to show how asking and answering questions are an important part of social life.