

WHAT DO OLD POLAR BEARS AND GREAT TEACHERS HAVE IN COMMON? THEY BOTH KNOW HOW TO BREAK THE ICE!

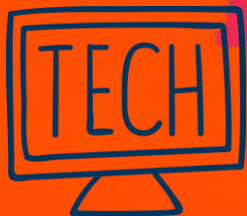


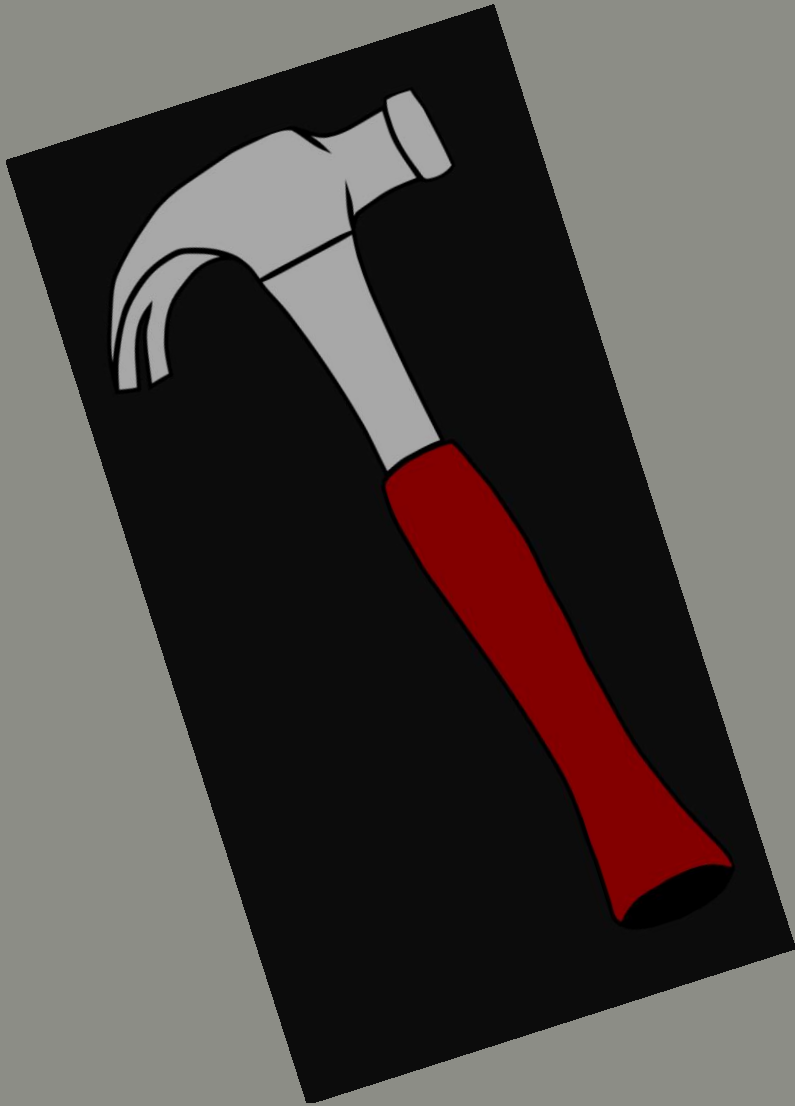
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Polar bears break the ice to survive; teachers break the ice to thrive.



1. **What is an icebreaker/topic starter and what purpose do they serve in my class?**
2. **What are some examples of icebreakers/topic starters within each purpose?**
3. **How can I use icebreakers/topic starters effectively?**





“Icebreakers are tools that enable the group leader to foster interaction, stimulate creative thinking, challenge basic assumptions, illustrate new concepts, and introduce specific material.”

(Forbess-Green, 1980)

Three Purposes of Icebreakers

1. Social

(Forbess-Greene, 1980)

- A. Five-Finger Introduction
- B. Bingo
- C. Have You Ever
- D. Liar, Liar Pants on Fire!
- E. Online Digital Images with comments
- F. Games and puzzles
- G. Riddles



Three Purposes of Icebreakers

2. Educational

(Forbess-Greene, 1980)

- A. Candyland mix-up
- B. What do you see?
- C. Dusting off the cobwebs
- D. Quotes with reflection



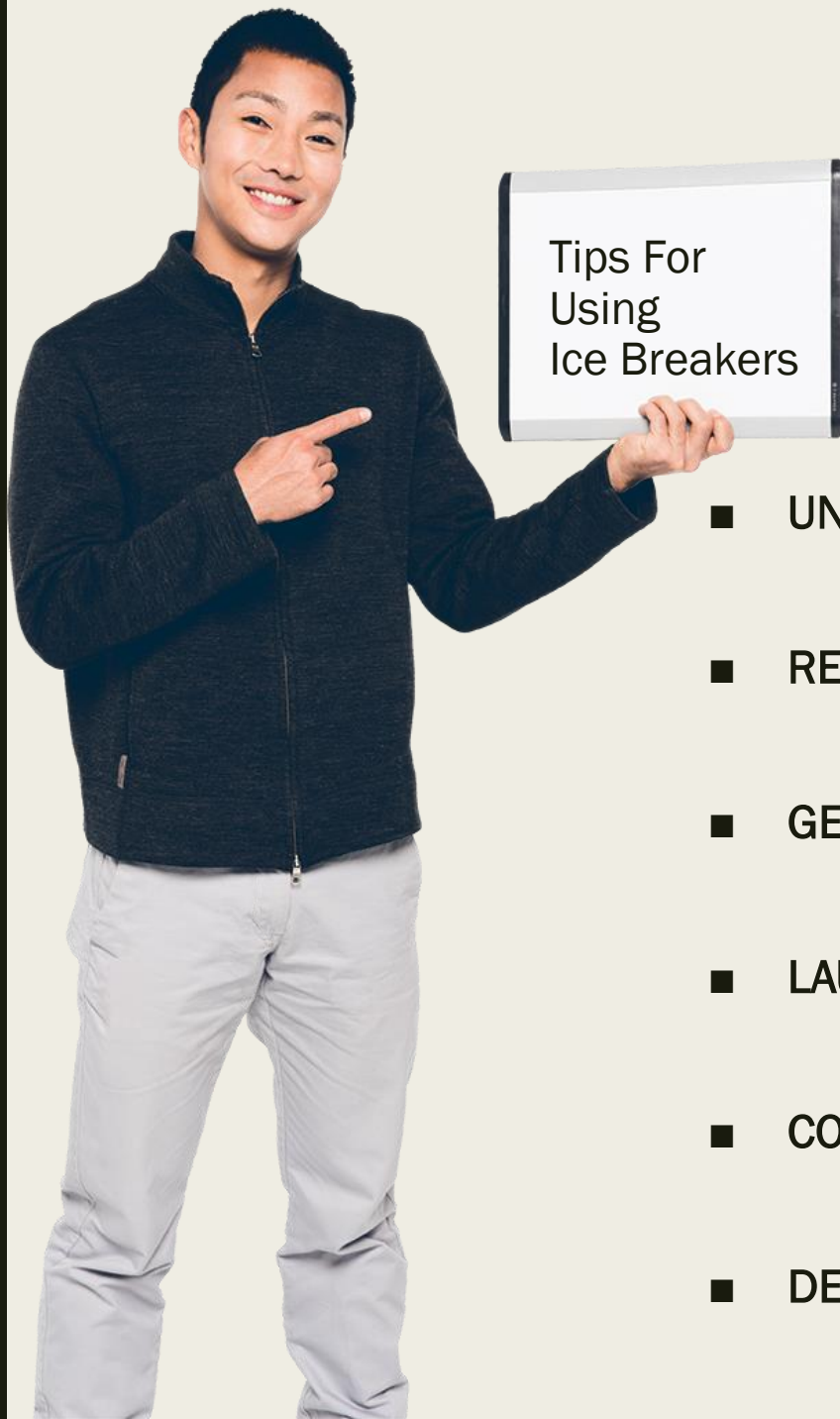
Three Purposes of Icebreakers

3. Topical

(Forbess-Greene, 1980)

- A. HP Reveal Augmented Reality
- B. Questia content review
- C. You Make the Choice Case Study Game
- D. Plickers
- E. MindTap Mobile App flashcard review or polling questions
- F. M&M Game
- G. Treasure Hunting Definitions
- H. Reflections (PNI)
- I. Chunking the lesson





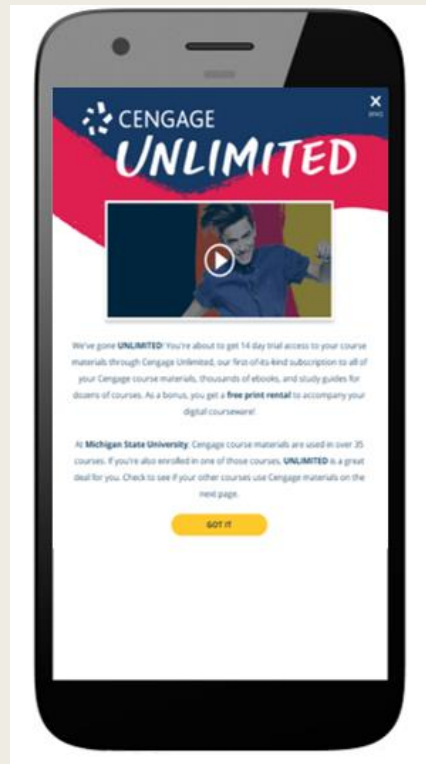
Tips For Using Ice Breakers

- UNDERSTAND YOUR GROUP
- RELAX
- GET INVOLVED
- LAUGH
- CONSIDER SPACE
- DEBRIEF

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