

# Warm Talk

**A game for enriched connections.**

A card game of social conversation hacks to warm up cold and empty conference conversations.

## How to Play

1. *Print out & cut the cards on before conference.* There are 20 sample cards, and 20 templates for on the spot game card creation suited for your conference. Start small and bring more if you are attending a multi-day conference. Print on card stock.
2. *Pack cards & markers.* Bring cards & a couple of give-away writing markers to your conference.
3. *Conspire with friends.* You might want to partner with a couple of friends to seed the game.
4. *Release the cards into the wild.* Introduce the game to some circles of people talking at a conference. When you tire of introducing the game to others, give someone else all your cards.

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HELLO.  
We are playing a game.  
We hacking our conversations at  
this conference.

You can play too.

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY, TRY THIS:

***The Glide***

When a new person  
joins your conversation  
circle, quickly summarize  
the nature of your  
conversation and  
find a thread to connect  
everyone.

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IF YOU WANT TO PLAY, TRY THIS:

***The Hunt***

If you are hanging out  
in a cluster of your comfortable  
friends who all know each other,  
go on a 5 minute people scouting  
excursion.

1. Pick a meeting point to return to  
in 5 minutes.
2. Decide on a criteria for scouting.
3. Go find someone matching  
your criteria.
4. Return and discuss.

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IF YOU WANT TO PLAY, TRY THIS:

***In the Tree Tops***

Feeling like conversations are  
literally happening over your  
head because of unequal heights?  
Move your conversation  
to a staircase or other natural  
elevation until everyone is  
equal height.

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IF YOU WANT TO PLAY, TRY THIS:

***Energetic Listening***

In this game, we will energetically  
listen.

1. First take some deep breaths.
2. As someone is talking, notice  
what they are saying without  
worrying about your agenda.
3. After 30-60 seconds either  
interrupt or naturally insert yourself  
into the conversations.
4. Repeat back what you just heard.

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