

# **ICE BREAKER FACT OR FICTION GAME**



# INSTRUCTIONS

This is a great way to get everyone talking and engaged, and it is very simple. Divide the room in half with an imaginary line. One side of the room will represent "Fact" and the other side "Fiction." Begin the game with everyone standing on the "imaginary" line. Explain that various statements will be read, and each guest needs to determine whether the statement is fact or fiction. After you, or a volunteer, reads each statement, and all guests have picked a side, reveal the correct answer and read the short blurb provided. Reset for each question.

Guests can tally their responses and discuss if there were any statements or specific facts that they were surprised to learn.

If the room does not have that much space, you may alternatively choose to provide pencils and paper to play the game with everyone sitting down.

	Question	Answer	Fact or Fiction
1	Many refugees have smartphones?	Not only do refugees have smartphones, but smartphones are becoming an increasingly useful tool for refugees to track their locations, find safe routes to new places, and communicate with their families back home.	<b>FACT</b>
2	There are more male refugees than female?	In fact, it is the opposite. Women outnumber men by 50.5%.	fiction
3	More than 12 million Syrians have been forced to flee their homes?	The civil war in Syria is the worst humanitarian crisis to date. About 12.2 million Syrians have been forced to flee, making up half of Syria's pre war population.	<b>FACT</b>
4	Are Asylum-seekers illegal immigrants?	Immigrants leave their homes by choice and can return home at any time. Asylum seekers leave because they are forced to due to fear of persecution.	fiction
5	Refugees spend an average of 17 years living in exile?	Refugees spend an average of 17 years in limbo, going from camp to host community and without a home.	<b>FACT</b>
6	In 2014, the most refugees to date were able to return to their countries of origin?	In 2014, only 126,800 refugees were able to return to their home countries. This is the lowest number in 31 years.	fiction
7	Refugees are only from the Middle East?	Refugees come from all over the world: Africa, Asia, South America and more. It is a common misnomer that all refugees are from Syria or other Middle Eastern countries.	fiction
8	There are 20.2 million refugees in the world.	Global displacement has reached unprecedented levels with 20.2 million refugees, a 78% increase in asylum claims, and 2 million more internally displaced people in 2014.	<b>FACT</b>
9	All forcibly displaced people are refugees?	"Forcibly displaced people" refers to refugees, internally-displaced people and asylum-seekers. Refugees are forced to flee due to war, conflict or persecution and cross a boarder into a new country to find safety. Internally-displaced people are forced to flee to a different place within their home countries due to war, conflict or persecution. Asylum seekers flee their country for the same reasons, yet must apply for the right to be recognized as a refugee and receive legal protection and material assistance.	fiction
10	The worldwide displacement number is at its highest level ever recorded?	Global forced displacement has seen accelerated growth in 2014, once again reaching unprecedented levels. This year saw the highest displacement on record. Today there are more than 60 million people worldwide displaced by war, conflict and persecution. This is 8.3 million persons more than the year before, and the highest annual increase in a single year.	<b>FACT</b>

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I1	Less than 1% of refugees were able to return to their countries of origin in 2014?	Of the 19.5 million refugees in 2014, 126,800 returned to their home countries. This has been the lowest level of refugee returns since 1983.	
I2	42,500 people are forced to flee every day? This is about the same size as Chicago's Wrigley Field?	This is the number of people fled every single day in 2014. In 2010, just five years ago, that number was 10,900 a day...75% less than last year.	
I3	Refugees are nothing like you and me?	This is far from true. Refugees are teachers, lawyers, doctors, small business owners, students and more.	