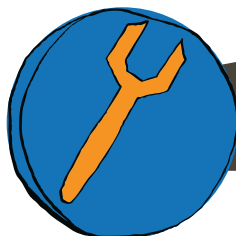


My FAMILY IS SPECIAL



TOOL 3D SENTENCE STEMS

LINKED TO:

- This tool can be used in all situations where you might engage children directly
- Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4



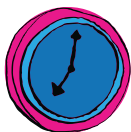
WHY?

- To assist families with a way of talking about a range of experiences, including difficult ones
- To provide an opportunity for families to listen to each other's perspectives on their needs, problems, strengths and hopes
- Good for:
 - breaking the ice
 - Giving children an opportunity to speak
 - Identifying family strengths and resources



WHO WITH?

- Groups of children / families



TIME?

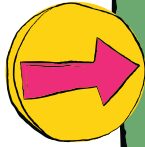
- 20 minutes to 1 hour



YOU'LL NEED?

- Sentence stems

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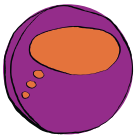
WHAT TO DO:

- Place all the sentence stems in a bowl and pass it around the circle
- Have each child/family member take out one stem at a time and read it out, completing the sentence
- Children may choose to open the question up to the whole family at which point everyone gets a turn to answer



SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

- Throw in some tasks for participants to do to break up the activity: “run around the circle”, “pretend like you’re a monkey”, “hug the person to your left”.



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TO THINK ABOUT:

- Some family members may not be literate so have options ready: facilitators read out the sentences or number the stems from 1-12 and get the participants to roll a dice rather than picking the stems out of the bowl.

Sentence stems



If I could meet someone famous I'd meet...
If I could have three <i>wishes</i> they would be...
The best <i>holiday</i> I ever had was when...
There's nothing I like better after a <i>long day</i> than...
If I was an <i>animal</i> I would be a ... because ...
The food that always makes me wanna puke is...
The thing I like most about my family is...
Me and my family always FIGHT about...
I'd like people to describe me as <i>being</i> ...
I go to ... when I need some HELP
The best thing about my family is...
The first thing I thought about this morning was...
The thing I like to wear the most is...
I would never grow tired of <i>eating</i> ...
If I was in charge of Australia I'd ...
The best way to deal with STRESS is...

The thing I <i>love most</i> about (the person sitting to my right) is...
The best thing that's ever happened to me was...

My favourite place to be is...	There's nothing better than...
If I was 75 I'd like to...	My HERO is ... because...
I get scared when...	I feel most <i>happy</i> when...
I HATE ...	There's nothing cuter than...
I'm scared about...	The tallest person I know is...
Nothing annoys me more than...	I get <i>frustrated</i> when...
When I grow up I'd like to....	When I was little I liked to...
My <i>earliest</i> memory is...	The best <i>smell</i> in the world is...