

Hollywood Murder Mystery - Sample Speech

Welcome the group and introduce yourself for those who may not know you. Allow some time for your team to socialize at the start while everyone joins the meeting. Before introducing the activity, ensure everyone has what is needed to get started, strong Wi-Fi or if in person appropriate materials and clothing to participate.

Once ready, introduce the activity to your group.

Hello everyone and thank you for joining us. We have a very exciting activity planned for you today, your very own Hollywood Murder Mystery! Are you ready to have some fun?

This is what we know so far: A new up and coming actress was found dead, in her hotel room in the morning following an award show. We have several suspects and it's up to you and your team of investigators to review all evidence to solve this crime and come up with the method, motive and murderer.

To participate, one person on your team will need to sign on to our Outback Team Building web application. Once you've signed in to the app, your team will complete challenges by submitting responses – all within the Outback web application.

The team who correctly completes the most challenges, earns the most points and answers the last question correctly will be the Hollywood Murder Mystery Champions!

Your team will need to collaborate and communicate effectively to be successful in your investigation. Each teammate will need to demonstrate:

- Critical thinking, logic, and reasoning
- Attention to detail
- Time management
- Creativity

Before we get started, I would like to share a few tips for today's activity:

- Review in detail your reports, interviews, and evidence on the Hollywood Murder Mystery Resource page.
 - Virtual - We recommend each participant has access to the online evidence or have one person share their screen if possible.
 - In Person – Review the printed materials provided and a device to access the interviews online.
- The questions are mostly linear, and some questions will unlock other questions to guide you along the way. However, you can often skip a question and go back, if needed. If you find a question is unavailable, go back and answer the questions that precede it to unlock it.
- Once an answer is submitted, it cannot be changed. Make sure your spelling is correct, and make sure everyone on your team agrees with the answer before submitting it.
- If you submit an incorrect answer for text entry challenges, you may have a second chance to answer correctly and earn fewer points. For all other challenges, you only have one chance to answer correctly.
- Points are based on the difficulty level of each question.

Provide all teams in the group any resources needed prior to breaking them out. Activity code, challenge lists, resource materials etc. Once they have everything they need, break them out into teams.

Team Captains, let's get signed in to the activity and get started!

Entry Code: _____

Once signed in, you will be prompted to create a team name and take a team photo. Alright everyone, let's get started!

Closing Speech

Welcome the group back and allow for some social time and for the teams to talk about the activity. Prior to closing out your event and announcing the winner, we suggest you read through the crime as is played out by using the Hollywood Murder Mystery Crime Review.

Today's activity tested your teams' mental strengths and problem-solving abilities as you worked together to find answers to the challenges you faced. To do this:

- You focused on fast, open and effective communication.
- You acted and reacted to situations with the team's best interest in mind.
- You supported each other through every aspect of the activity, from start to finish, no matter what obstacles were put in your way.
- And most importantly, you acted as a team rather than as a group of individuals.

Before I announce our top three teams, I'd like to hear about your experience today.

Basic Debrief Questions

- *What are some qualities of a Leader/ Effective Communicator that you admire? How did you see those qualities being shown within your team?*
- *Was there a predominate leader in your group? Did you share the leadership role based on the particular challenge?*
- *How will you transfer what you learned today back into the workplace?*

And now the moment you've all been waiting for...it's time to announce the top teams!

With a score of: _____ In third (3rd) place is: _____

With a score of: _____ In second (2nd) place is: _____

With a score of: _____ The winning team is: _____

_____, please come collect your medals and pose for a victory photo!

That wraps up your Hollywood Murder Mystery. It has been a pleasure working with you today, and I hope you had as much fun as I did.

Thank you!!!