

Breakthrough FACILITATION

MY SIGNATURE EMOJI

Type:	Activity
Topics:	Engagement Ice-breakers Connection Warm-up
Duration:	1-3 minutes
Group Size:	All
Method:	Online

Description

My signature emoji is a quick and simple warm up activity that helps to ease people into your session and share something about themselves in an easy and fun way. You can do this activity within the first moments of people entering your session to get them engaged from the get-go.

How to Play

1. Introduce the activity by saying “we are going to take about a minute something light and fun to help us ease into our session.”
2. Ask people to put their “signature” emoji in the chat. Explain that a “signature emoji” is one they use most frequently. For example, one that they may be known for amongst your family, friends, and colleagues.
3. Let them know if they don’t have a signature emoji, they can choose any emoji they like. Remind them that there is no right or wrong answer.
4. Explain where they can find the emoji button in the chat. Be ready to help anyone who can’t find the button. You can have an emoji website link ready to share in the chat in case people have problems. One that I use is <https://emojipedia.org>.
5. Start by putting your signature emoji in the chat. You can say “for example, my signature emoji is X...” Then give your group members about 1 minute to do the same.

6. Once you have the emojis in the chat share some observations about what you see, and/or ask your group to share a few observations. This often opens up an opportunity for a bit of humor and fun.
7. You can take a screenshot of the chat - it makes a nice artefact from your session.

Facilitator Tips

- You can adapt the prompt from “your signature emoji” to fit your theme. For example, if you are working with sports coaches you can give a prompt “find the emoji of the first sport you ever played”, or “your favourite sport”. Just remember to give a prompt that everyone can answer.
- When sharing observations some good prompts are “what struck me...”, “I noticed that...”
- The activity can be as quick as a minute at the start of the session. Or it could be a few minutes if you want to ask a few people to share their emojis - and why it’s their signature emoji.
- You can invite people to rename themselves on the Zoom screen put their signature emojis beside their name. This way it will show up on their screen for the rest of the session.