Team Building Activity
Let's Tell a Story!

Focus Area: Well-being

Description: Employees will work together to create a fun story.

Materials Needed:

<u>In-person option</u>:
- Printed list of words
- Printed stories to fill in

<u>Virtual option</u>:
- Formstack options (Note: Reponses go to the WFHTN team)
  - **Story 1 Vacation Time:**
    https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/lets_tell_a_story_story_1_submission_form
  - **Story 2 Let's Take a Hike:**
    https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/lets_tell_a_story_story_2_submission_form
  - **Story 3 Mission Possible:**
    https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/lets_tell_a_story_story_3_submission_form
  - **Story 4 Parking Lot Chaos:**
    https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/lets_tell_a_story_story_4_submission_form
  - **Story 5 Christmas Baking:**
    https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/lets_tell_a_story_story_5_submission_form

Length of Activity: The length of this activity will be dependent on the number of individuals participating in the activity. If during an in-person or virtual meeting, this may take 10-20 minutes. If this is done virtually (on your own time) then it could be one to two weeks.

In-person and/or virtual: This activity can be conducted in-person or virtually.

Directions:
<u>**Variations**</u>

In-person
1. For a larger group, divide employees into teams of five or less.
2. Each team will receive the list of "Words Needed" and have a set amount of time to come up with the list of words.
3. Each team will then receive the story and fill in the blanks with their list of words.
4. Teams will then read their stories aloud to one another.

Virtual (on your own time)

1. Using a Google Form (or some other method), collect the list of "Words Needed" from co-workers.
2. Create a story (or stories) using the collected words and share via email, create a video, etc.

Virtual meeting

1. This could be done during a team meeting, virtual coffee break, etc.
2. Host should have the list of "Words Needed" and the story.
3. Depending on the number of attendees, the host could ask for the required words via the chat and/or call on specific attendees.
4. The host will collect the "Words Needed" and then read the story aloud.

Helpful Tips for Let's Tell a Story:

- An **ADJECTIVE** describes something or somebody. *Lumpy, soft, ugly, messy,* and *short* are adjectives
- An **ADVERB** tells how something is done. It modifies a verb and usually ends in "ly." *Modestly, stupidly, greedily* and *carefully* are adverbs.
- A **NOUN** is the name of a person, place or thing. *Sidewalk, umbrella, toy, bathtub* and *nose* are nouns.
- A **VERB** is an action word. *Run, pitch, jump* and *swim* are verbs. Put the verbs in past tense if the directions say **PAST TENSE**. *Ran, pitched, jumped* and *swam* are verbs in the past tense.
- When asked for a **PLACE**, it means any sort of place: a country or city (Mexico, Oakland) or a room (bathroom, kitchen)
- An **EXCLAMATION** or **SILLY WORD** is any sort of funny sound, gasp, grunt or outcry, like *Wow!, Ouch!, Ick!* and *Gadzooks!*
- When asked for a **PLURAL**, it means more than one. For example, *door* pluralized is *doors.*
- When asked for specific words like a **NUMBER**, a **COLOR**, an **ANIMAL** or a **PART OF THE BODY**, it means a word that is one of those things, like *seven, green, dog* or *mouth.*

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Words Needed:

Plural Noun	1.
Adjective	2.
Food	3.
Food	4.
Part of the Body	5.
Noun	6.
Verb Ending in "ing"	7.
Verb	8.
Color	9.
Color	10.
Adjective	11.
Noun	12.
Adjective	13.
Animal	14.
Adjective	15.
Animal	16.
Verb	17.
Adjective	18.
Verb	19.
Noun	20.
Adjective	21.

Story 2: Let's Take a Hike!

Our 1._____ are packed for a hike in the 2._____ mountains! We are carrying a picnic with 3._____ and 4._____ on our 5._____, and I have a 6._____ for 7._____ pictures. We will 8._____ past fields and meadows filled with 9._____ and 10._____ flowers, and pass a/an 11._____ waterfall that sounds like a/an 12._____. Many critters live in the mountains, like the 13._____ 14._____ and the 15._____ 16._____. It's fun to 17._____ but important to keep a 18._____ distance. The higher we 19._____, the smaller the wildflower meadow and waterfall appear; we may even see 20._____ on the ground from last winter! What a 21._____ hike!

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Words Needed:

Verb	1.
Adjective	2.
Silly Word	3.
Number	4.
Noun	5.
Adjective	6.
Noun	7.
Occupation	8.
Amount of Time	9.
Verb	10.
Place	11.
Verb ending in "ed"	12.
Plural Noun	13.
Adjective	14.
Verb Ending in "ing"	15.
Verb	16.

Story 3: Mission Possible!

Hello, team. Your mission, should you choose to 1._____ it, involves the recovery of a 2._____ item designated "3._____". You may select any 4._____ 5._____ members, but it is 6._____ that the third member of your 5._____ be Nyah Nordoff-Hall. She is a/an 7._____, and a highly capable professional 8._____. You have 9._____ to 10._____ Miss Hall and meet me in 11._____ to receive your assignment. As always, should any member of your 5._____ be caught or 12._____, the Secretary will disavow all knowledge of your 13._____. And team, the next time you go on holiday, please be 14._____ enough to let us know where you're 15._____. This message will self-16._____ in five seconds.

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Words Needed:

Company Name	1.
Department Name	2.
Adverb	3.
Verb Ending in "ing"	4.
Adjective	5.
Number	6.
Plural Noun	7.
Commissioner's Name	8.
Food	9.
Noun	10.
Celebrity Name	11.
Adjective	12.

Story 4: Parking Lot Chaos!

Well, it has been an eventful day here at 1._____. This morning, the team members in 2._____ were 3._____ 4._____ in the parking lot. It was so 5._____ that 6._____ 7._____ came to see what the commotion was about. Afterward, 8._____ treated everyone to 9._____ The employees were so excited, they all chipped in to buy him/her a 10._____ to express their thanks! The employees even arranged for 11._____ to come by to hand deliver a 12._____ thank you card!

Team Building Activity
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Words Needed:

Plural Noun	1.
Verb Ending in "ing"	2.
Adjective	3.
Family Member	4.
Verb	5.
Ingredient	6.
Noun	7.
Noun	8.
Noun	9.
Noun	10.
Verb	11.
Noun	12.
Number	13.
Number	14.

Story 5: Christmas Baking!

Every year, we make 1._____ at Christmastime. 2._____ has been a tradition since I was a/an 3._____ kid! 4._____ used to make most of the recipe back then, but I would always help 5._____ 6._____. Now that I'm older, I make the entire batch of 1._____ from scratch. All you have to do is mix 7._____ and 8._____ in a bowl until fluffy, and add 9._____. Don't forget the 10._____! 11._____ them on a 12._____ and bake them at 13._____ degrees. After 14._____ minutes, you will have the perfect batch of 1._____!