Teambuilding Debrief

Turning The Mystery Into Meaningful Team-Building

Recommended Time: 10–20 minutes

Facilitator: Manager, team lead, or host

Format: Group discussion (seated or standing)

This short debrief helps teams reflect on how they communicated, collaborated, and problem-solved during the experience—and how those skills s how up in everyday work.

There are no right or wrong answers. *This is about insight, not evaluation.*

How to Run the Debrief

- Gather the group together after the solution is revealed.
- Let participants stay in or drop their character roles—either works.
- Ask 4–6 questions from the sections below.
- Keep the tone light and conversational.
- Close by thanking the team for participating.

Tips for Success

Keep it voluntary—no pressure to speak

Avoid turning this into a performance review

Focus on behaviors, not personalities

Keep it short and positive

Reflection Questions (Choose What Fits Your Group)

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SHARING

- What helped you decide who to talk to first?
- How did you decide what information to share—or hold back?
- What made certain conversations more productive than others?

Workplace tie-in: How do we decide what information to share at work, and when?

COLLABORATION & TEAM DYNAMICS

- When did collaboration help move the mystery forward?
- Did anyone step into a leadership role unexpectedly?
- How did different personalities contribute in different ways?

Workplace tie-in: How do we leverage different strengths on our team?

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PROBLEM-SOLVING & DECISION-MAKING

- What clues or moments shifted your thinking?
- Did you change your theory as new information emerged?
- What helped you connect the dots?

Workplace tie-in: How do we adjust our thinking when new data comes in at work?

TRUST & ASSUMPTIONS

- What assumptions turned out to be wrong?
- How did trust (or mistrust) influence your decisions?
- What surprised you most about the outcome?

Workplace tie-in: How do assumptions impact collaboration in real projects?

Lighthearted Wrap-Up Questions (Optional)

USE THESE IF YOUR GROUP PREFERS A CASUAL CLOSE:

- What was your favorite moment?

- What role surprised you the most?

- What strategy would you try next time?

Closing the Debrief

END WITH A SHORT REFLECTION SUCH AS:

"Today wasn't about solving the mystery perfectly—it was about how we communicated, collaborated, and worked through uncertainty together. Those same skills show up every day in our work."

Thank the team for participating and acknowledge that stepping into something interactive takes willingness and openness.

Optional Add-Ons for Managers

Invite participants to share one takeaway they'll apply at work

Recognize standout collaboration or communication

Use insights to shape future team activities

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