Chain connection and un-connection activity

This activity is designed to increase awareness of remaining on-topic in conversation.

Cut out the individual pieces.

While two participants are speaking together, place the chains in sequence as long as they stay on a shared topic.

Place a broken chain piece when someone introduces a new topic too abruptly.

Keep a broken chain prompt handy for nonverbal reminder when non sequitur comments take place.

At the link below, you can read more details about this activity and view a Youtube video I created to explain it. There are also downloads of the images so that you can share this activity with others.


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