



ACTIVITY 1: Two Decks of Cards

NOTES TO INSTRUCTOR:

Take two decks of cards to the seminar—one in order by suit, and one shuffled.

Give the decks of cards to two seminar participants.

Ask a third seminar participant to call out a card (example: ace of spades).

Ask the participants with the cards to find the card quickly. Ideally, the person with the unshuffled deck will find the card first.

Continue with the activity for three or four more cards.

Ask the participants why they think one person found cards more quickly than the other person. [Correct answer: That deck was organized.]

ASK PARTICIPANTS:

How much time do you spend looking for things at home?

How many hours a week do you think you spend looking for things? (Multiply that by 52 for a yearly total.)

How much time do you spend searching for documents as you prepare to file your taxes?