

## Q-Sort Instructions

1. This study is about your social experience of staying in hostels. I am interested in your most **recent stay in a hostel** and the interaction that you had with fellow hostel guests.
  2. You are provided with a collection of cards with 20 individual statements regarding social experiences in hostels printed on them. **Read the 20 statements on the cards carefully.**
  3. You are also provided with **3 envelopes that provide the definition** for:
    - a. **Superficial Interaction**
    - b. **Spontaneous Interaction**
    - c. **Personal Interaction**
  4. **Split the 20 cards into 3 piles**, in response to the distinction between the aforementioned **3 categories of interactions.**
  5. Place the cards into the appropriate envelopes.
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**Definition of Superficial Interaction:** Very limited or no interaction with fellow guests takes place. Privacy and interaction with own travel companion(s) is prioritized. Interactions occur only because it is imposed by the hostel (example: brief greetings at breakfast table).

**Definition of Spontaneous Interaction:** Impulsive and free-flowing interactions where by conversations covering a wide range of topics (work, family, food, lifestyle, culture, travel tips) occurs on the spot. Interaction does not extend beyond the duration of the hostel stay.

**Definition of Personal Interaction:** Friendships are established because there is a bond with other guests. Unintended interactions with other guests develop into purposely coordinated activities to be experienced together. The friendship extends beyond the boundary of the hostel.

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1. The other guests(s) in the hostel had conversations about their working life with me
2. Other hostel guest(s) had their own circle of friends
3. The other guest(s) in the hostel offered me help when I needed it
4. The other guest(s) in the hostel made my time here more enjoyable
5. I interacted frequently with other hostel guest(s)
6. The other guest(s) in the hostel had conversations about their family with me
7. Other hostel guest(s) were not approachable
8. Other hostel guest(s) told me about their past hostel experience
9. The other guest(s) in the hostel were friendly towards me
10. It was easy to talk to other hostel guest(s)
11. In the future, I plan to meet up with the friend(s) I made at the hostel
12. I went sightseeing with other hostel guest(s)
13. The other guest(s) in the hostel exchanged travel information with me
14. I shared food with other guest(s) from the hostel
15. Other hostel guest(s) usually kept to themselves
16. I interacted with other hostel guest(s)
17. I developed friendships with other guest(s) I met at the hostel
18. The other guest(s) in the hostel shared their travel experience with me
19. I had dinner with other guest(s) from the hostel
20. I enjoyed spending time with other hostel guest(s)