

# Card Sort Activity Directions

These cards each contain words describing values that are important to some people. In this activity, you will sort these cards into five different piles depending on how important each one is to you. For example: some values may not be important to you at all, and therefore you would put those in the “Not Important” pile.

**Note:** It is possible to use fewer than five categories for sorting (e.g. “Most Important”, “Important”, “Not Important”).

1. To begin, shuffle all of the Value Cards except for the the blank “Other Value” cards.
2. Once the cards are shuffled, go ahead and sort them into the different piles based on how important each one is to you.
3. When you’re done, if there are any other values that are important to you that are not mentioned on these cards, you can use these blank cards to add them.
4. Once all of the values are placed into the piles, pick 5-10 values in each pile and rank them in order from 1 (most important) to 5 or 10 (less important).

**Note:** There may already be 5 or 10 cards in a given pile. Alternatively, there may be more cards in a particular pile, like the “Most Important” pile. It may be necessary to add some cards from a closely related pile (ie: add cards from “Very Important” to “Most Important” pile). It is also possible to skip the first sorting step and just have people pick out and rank-order the 10 values that seem most important to them. This could be done just from a list of values, but having the values on cards allows people to move them around visually when sorting and rank-ordering.