

The Listening Ladder — Prop Cards

Print-order specification

Trim size	63.5 × 88.9 mm (poker standard)
Bleed	3 mm on every edge
Safe margin	4 mm inside the trim line
Corner radius	3.5 mm die-cut (industry standard)
Stock	300–350 gsm coated card, linen finish recommended
Ink	RGB original; convert to CMYK at the printer (FOGRA39 / GRACoL)
Sheet	A4 portrait, 2 × 3 layout, single-sided; print two copies for table sets
Contents	6 cards; branded backs sheet and blanks included

Cut & assemble

1. Print the fronts sheet on card stock; print the backs sheet in the same batch if your printer supports duplex mirror.
2. Cut along the die-guide frames, or Guillotine using the corner guides.
3. Round the corners with a 3.5 mm corner punch, or send to a card printer with the spec above.
4. One deck per pair of 2–3 participants; the blank faces are refillable.

ROLE · SPEAKER

1

Speaker

Talk for 90 seconds about one real thing that slowed you down this week. Don't edit yourself for the room.

In round C, you answer the listener's one question about what you did not say.

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ROLE · LISTENER

2

Listener

Round A: restate the words. Round B: add the feeling under them. Round C: ask one question about what was left unsaid.

Never solve it. One question, then let the silence hold.

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ROLE · VALIDATOR

3

Validator

After each paraphrase, raise the card: landed or not yet. There is no third option.

"Not yet" is the gift — it shows the pair exactly where the loop broke.

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ROUND

A

Round A — Literal

Words only. Did the facts come back? A miss here is the whole lesson about one-way instruction.

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ROUND

B

Round B — Feeling

Name what sits under the words, then ask "have I got that right?" A feeling stated as fact is over-reach.

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ROUND

C

Round C — Unspoken

"What didn't you say that I should know?" Then be quiet. The speaker fills the gap.

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