



Team-building Activities

The teacher should lead a discussion around the fact that most jobs in the modern world require cooperation and teamwork, or more broadly, that humans in a society must work together to survive and advance. Another thing that should be discussed is the strategy each group employed during the task – were there any leaders, did everyone work separately, did they split roles/opinions and how did all these things affect their efficiency and satisfaction with working as a team.

1. The Quiet Organisation

To get started with this game, have the students line up in order of their birth date. The trick is that they are not allowed to talk while they do it. When the players have lined up, you ask them what their birthdays are and see if they were right. You can also play this game again using things like their shoe size, height or birthday month.

2. Eyes Closed Picasso

To get started one person in the team has to secretly draw a simple diagram e.g. a house, a boat, a tree. Everyone in then team the needs a piece of paper and a pen. The team must close their eyes and the original artist must describe what is drawn without using the noun that they have drawn.

3. Antiques of the Future

Have a pile of materials from around the classroom (rubber bands, mug, pen, cardboard tubes etc.) and give teams four minutes to choose one and make up a story about the item if it were found as an “antique” 500 years in the future. The group presents a skit that explains what it is, what it did and why it is extremely valuable. Creativity counts!

4. Charades

Charades is a game of pantomimes: you have to "act out" a phrase without speaking, your team members try to guess what the phrase is. Your team members must guess the phrase as quickly as possible before time runs out. The teacher can write phrases or the students can make up their own (whichever is safest!)

5. Any other team building game that you find works well!