



CUP STACK CHALLENGE

COLLABORATION ACTIVITY

TIME REQUIRED: 20 minutes

SUPPLIES: Paper cups, rubber bands, scissors & string

GROUP SIZE: Any size group in teams of four

SKILLS BUILDING: Collaboration, Communication, Creativity & Problem Solving

INSTRUCTIONS

Divide students into teams of four. Provide each team with six cups, one rubber band and four pieces of string that are each two feet long. Students must work as a team to stack all of the cups in a pyramid. Here's the catch: they cannot touch the cups directly. Student must create a tool using the string and rubber bands to move the cups. Students have 10 minutes to complete this task. Extend the game by conducting another round, but with new challenges, such as stacking the cups without talking or with one player in the group blindfolded.

DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS

1. What were some of the challenges your group faced during construction? How did you resolve the conflicts that came up?
2. What creativity and collaboration techniques did your group undertake to complete this activity successfully?
3. How did you support your team members throughout this activity?

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