
CHALLENGE CARD

Building Blocks

Equipment

Eight 15-inch (38-centimeter) cardboard boxes (building blocks), and blindfolds are necessary for the first part of the challenge.

Starting Position

All the blocks are lying randomly on the floor. The team gathers around the building blocks. Each team member works with a partner.

Our Challenge

In each part of this two-part challenge, the group builds a vertical tower of building blocks. During the first part, one team member of each set of partners wears a blindfold. Only the blindfolded teammate may touch the building blocks. Only the sighted teammate may speak to the blindfolded teammate.

During the second part, all group members may speak and no one wears a blindfold. Partners must pick up blocks together, but each set of partners must stack its block in a different manner.

Rules and Sacrifices

1. If the tower falls, the group must start over.
2. In the first part, sighted group members may not touch the building blocks.
3. In the first part, sighted group members may speak only to their partners.
4. In the second part, each block must be stacked using a different method.
5. In the second part, partners must pick up the block together.
6. If character education terms are used, students must give the proper definition after placing the blocks.
7. No one may call others by their last names or use put-downs.
8. If the group breaks any rule, it must rebuild the tower from the beginning.

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Questions

1. What happens if the tower falls over?
2. What happens if a sighted team member touches a building block or blindfolded teammate in the first part?
3. What happens if a sighted team member speaks to anyone other than his or her partner in the first part?
4. What happens if both partners do not stack a building block together in the second part?
5. What happens if our team repeats a method of stacking the blocks in the second part?
6. How will we know when we have completed the task?
7. Can you think of any safety issues that we should discuss?