
CHALLENGE CARD

Building Character

Equipment

- Seven 14-inch PVC marble transport tubes made from 1 1/2-inch-diameter PVC pipe; bevel each end of the tubes and mark each tube with one of the following character traits: loyalty, honesty, respect, sportsmanship, caring, pride, and determination
- One small marble that can easily pass through the PVC transport tubes
- One tennis ball can marked with the word *character*
- Two bases (poly spots), one for the starting point and one for the finish line
- One PVC end cap

Starting Position

The team gathers around the starting base, and each team member selects a marble transport tube. If there are more team members than transport tubes, the instructor could have more tubes available, one for each team member, or let the team members figure out how everyone should be involved if they do not have a tube for everyone. If more tubes are provided, remember to mark each one with a character trait term.

Our Challenge

The team must move a marble from the starting point to the finish line. The team must use the seven marble transports to move the marble. Each transport is named after a character trait. The traits are loyalty, honesty, respect, sportsmanship, caring, pride, and

determination. The team must get the marble into a tennis ball container marked *character*.

Rules and Sacrifices

1. The marble may not move toward the character can on the finish line unless it is in a character trait tube.
2. The marble and the character trait tubes may never touch the ground. In addition, the marble may never touch a team member's hands. If the marble falls on the floor, someone may pick it up and take it back to the starting base.
3. No team member may touch more than one character trait tube at a time.
4. If a marble is inside a character trait tube, the person holding that tube may not move his or her feet. If the marble is not inside a tube, the person holding that tube can move anywhere in the work area.
5. Team members may not touch the character can on the finish line base with their hands.
6. If, when attempting to place the marble into the character can on the finish line base, the can tips over and the marble rolls out, the team must start over.
7. Group members cannot use last names or put-downs.
8. If any rule is broken, the team must replace the marble inside the PVC end cap and put the end cap back on the starting base.

ORGANIZER CARD

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Questions

1. Where is our starting point, and where do we end?
2. What do we use to transport the marble?
3. What could happen to make us start over?
4. Can you move your feet if the marble is in your transport tube?

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