

COOPERATIVE GAMES TASK CARDS



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ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Print and Go Cooperative Games Task Cards!

Do your students know how to work in groups? Have you ever thought about teaching collaborative skills? The National Education Association's guide on the 4C's describes the importance of collaboration in the classroom.

Working with others is not easy. Friction is part of the group dynamics and we have to teach learners how to deal with that.

In this material, you will find task cards to help learners develop collaboration skills, an essential competence for the 21 century.

If you want to learn more about this, read my blog post "How to Teach Cooperative Skills"

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Collaborative CLASSROOMS

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS



Your teacher will show you different objects (e.g.: a lighter, knife, a hat, a cup) and present a scenario that can be solved with one of those objects. You have 5 minutes to figure out the solution.

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS (EXAMPLES)



In groups decide what object can you use to solve these problems? Justify your answers.

**a) an axe / b) a rope / c) a paper clip
d) a towel / e) books / f) a chair / g) a hose**

1

You left your keys inside the house. You can't get in.

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Your little cat is stuck in a hole.

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You are playing football and you kick the ball over your neighbor's fence.

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You are on a boat, the boat has a leak and water is pouring in.

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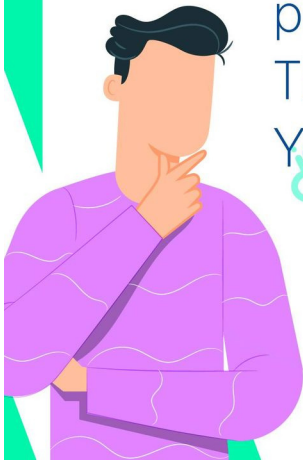
Your kite is stuck on a tree.

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Your apartment is on fire. You are on the second floor.

YOU DECIDE!

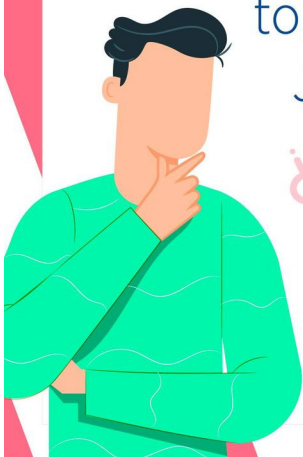
In pairs, think about the following situation. There's a boat with eight important people from the past. The boat is sinking fast! You can only save three of them. Justify your decision.



- ALBERT EINSTEIN
- LEONARDO DA VINCI
- MARTIN LUTHER KING
- GANDHI
- MOTHER THERESA
- BEETHOVEN
- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
- CHARLES DARWIN

YOU DECIDE!

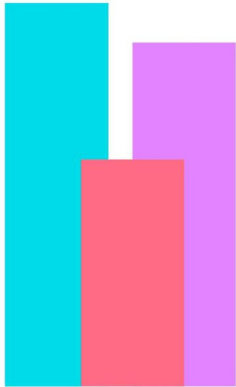
In pairs, decide which are the 3 most amazing cities to visit if you want to learn about History. Justify your decision.



- NEW YORK, THE USA
- ATHENS, GREECE
- ROME, ITALY
- LONDON, ENGLAND
- PARIS, FRANCE
- BEIJING, CHINA
- CUSCO, PERU
- JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

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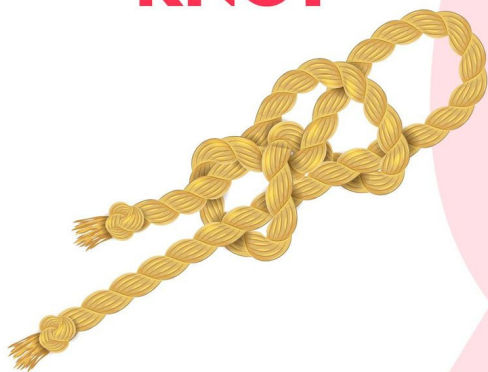
GAME: THE HIGHEST BUILDING



Get in groups of 2/3. Your teacher will give you different material such as pipe cleaners, blocks, spaghetti, etc. Your mission is to build the highest building using the material provided. Which team will build it faster?

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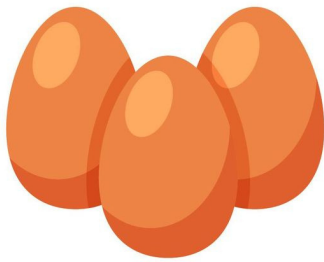
GAME: HUMAN KNOT



Get in groups of 6/8 and make a large circle. Stand within the circle, crossing arms at the wrist. Next, grasp hands with two different people across from you. Now work together to try and untangle the knot without letting go of any hands. Finally, still holding hands, balance your weight and try to sit down, then stand back up again as a group.

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GAME: SAVE THE EGG



Drop an egg from a specific height and try to create a soft landing so that it doesn't break down. Then reflect on your results.

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GAME: THE TALLEST SNOWMAN



Get in groups of 2/3. Build the tallest snowman using paper and glue.