

Being a Team Player

In groups of five, you will work as a team to build a structure using random items found in the classroom (tissue box, school supplies, textbooks, ruler and so forth) or things found on your person. Assign one of the following duties to each team member:

Creator – will build the structure

Manager – will draw a picture of the structure on paper, labeling its part as necessary

Leader – will provide instructions and guidance for how to create the structure and leader will provide a brief oral presentation describing the structure to the class

Builders – will gather the items, disassemble the structure and place the items back in their proper places in the classroom

After each group has presented its structure, regroup with your team members and answer the following questions:

1. How did you feel when you were first placed in this group?
2. What communication skills did you use as a team player?
3. What good qualities were exhibited in your team?
4. How can you succeed on a team, even if you don't like your teammates?