

OUTDOOR LEARNING CARDS



TEAMBUILDING TB2

PAPER MOUNTAIN



Activity

Aim: To build the tallest free-standing structure you can using only the paper provided. A time limit may be given.

In building the tower you cannot:

- Tear the paper.
- Screw up the paper.
- Use glue, tape or paper clips.

Review & Evaluation

- What helped the group to succeed?
- Did everyone in the group speak?
- Did everyone in the group take part?

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Safety Points

- Ensure staples are removed, if necessary.
- Make sure that there is plenty of space between teams.

Equipment

- A4 Scrap paper (make sure you recycle after use).

Differentiation & Progression

- Other materials or items can be used to create the tower e.g. K'nex or Lego.
- Larger groups can be a challenge.
- Reduce the time allowed for completing the task, if setting a time limit.

Organisation & Resources

This exercise is particularly good for:

- Evidencing planning – optional 'planning time' could be directed at the start.
- Encouraging group members to talk to each other.
- Encouraging everyone to work together.

Preparation

- Divide the group into teams of 6–8.
- Make sure towers are not built on unstable surfaces or on tables that wobble.

Skills & Knowledge

- Ideas clearly expressed, verbally.
- Encourage the generation of ideas and the expression of these.
- Recognise that others have a role to play within the team.
- Adapt ideas and possible solutions as the exercise proceeds.
- Involve all participants in the activity.

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