

DUO DRAWING

WHAT TO SAY

Every member has a role to play and contributes to the final product. Working together and planning how to proceed with a given task will help your team be successful.

During problem solving, it's important to generate as many ideas instead of immediately selecting the first solution that comes to mind. Then you can weigh the pros and cons of each solution. Careful planning is essential to generating the best solution.

Requires Resources? Yes
Grade Level: 3-5; 6-8; 9-12
Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor
Group Size: 2+

WHAT TO DO

- ▶ Tie 2 strings (or more depending on the amount of youths) about 3 feet long around a marker. Tape a large piece of paper on the floor in an open space.
- ▶ The challenge is for a pair of kids to draw with the marker suspended between them by the strings. Have them draw something specific (a letter, a smiley face). You can advance the difficulty of the shapes/pictures as they progress through the activity.
- ▶ Each kid should grab a string and all work together to create the picture.

Variation: Set a time limit to make the task more challenging. You can even split the group into teams and have a “judge” decide which picture turned out better.

WHAT TO ASK

- ▶ What was frustrating about not being able to complete the task on your own? How did you manage your frustration?
- ▶ What was your strategy to complete the drawing? Why did it or didn't it work?
- ▶ How successfully would you say you all worked together on the task?
- ▶ To what extent did your planning require negotiation?
- ▶ What are some real-world examples of times we can't simply do everything on our own and must rely on our team members?