



Treasure Hunt

Length of Time

30 minutes

Size of Group

Unlimited

Grouping of 4-6 participants

Materials Required

- List of Treasure Hunt items
- Pieces of paper about 15 cm. x 10 cm. to write phrases
- Felt pens

Overview

A collaborative activity that helps develop teamwork within groups

Goals

- To develop teamwork
- To practice problem-solving skills
- To explore organization skills and work within a time limit
- To create a structure using limited materials

Direction for Activities

1. Arrange participants into groups of 4 to 6.
2. Tell participants they are going to participate in a Treasure Hunt. Each group will be given a list of Treasure Hunt items. Groups will be given 15 minutes to collect the items and design a structure that symbolizes their group.
3. Tell participants the purpose of the Treasure Hunt is to:
 - Work collaboratively together.
 - Create a strategy to collect the items.
 - Collect the items.
 - Design a structure that symbolizes the group (collaboration, cooperation, teamwork)
 - Build the structure that symbolizes the group.
 - Develop a phrase that describes the structure.
 - Appoint a Presenter to share the structure with the large group.
 - Complete the activity within 20 minutes.
4. Give each group a copy of the following list containing the Treasure Hunt items.

Treasure Hunt Items



- 3 leaves, blades of grass or straw
- 3 flowers or blossoms
- 3 small twigs or dry weed stalks
- 2 pebbles or small stones
- 5 seeds or shells
- 1 used envelope
- 2 paper clips
- 1 small plastic bottle
- 2 small plastic bottle caps
- 1 empty match box
- 1 clean tin can
- 1 used plastic bag
- 3 chocolate bar wrappers
- 1 piece of string or twine or thread
- 2 clothes pegs

5. Ask participants if they have any questions. If some of the items are not available in the environment, such as seeds or shells, replace these items with what is readily available in the community. Review one more time the instructions.
6. Remind participants they have 20 minutes to complete the activity.
7. As groups return to the training room with their items, use the following checklist to record their items. The group with the most Treasure Hunt items wins.

Treasure Item Check List	Group						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3 leaves, blades of grass or straw	✓	✓					
3 flowers or blossoms	✓	✓					
3 small twigs or dry weed stalks	✓	✓					
2 pebbles or small stones	✓	✓					
5 seeds or shells	x	✓					
1 used envelope	✓	✓					
2 paper clips	✓	✓					
1 small plastic bottle	x	✓					
2 small plastic bottle caps	✓	✓					
1 clean tin can	✓	✓					
1 used plastic bag	✓	✓					
3 chocolate bar wrappers	✓	✓					
1 piece of string or twine	x	✓					
2 clothes pegs	x	✓					
Total Points (1 point per item)	10	14					

8. Invite Presenters to present structure and phrase describing their group.
9. Discuss teamwork, the challenges of finding the items, the solutions, the experience of creating a structure and developing a phrase.