



Lesson 4 What makes a good team?

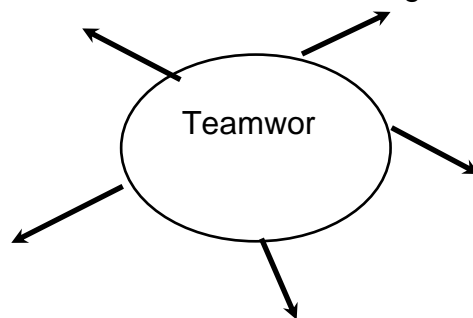
Preparation

- Pupils work in mixed groups of four.
- Each group will need a roll of sellotape, 10 sheets of A4 paper, 1 metre of string, scissors and pencils
- About a dozen eggs (use hard boiled eggs if inside). One per group and a few spares.
- A copy of the worksheet 'Reviewing your teamwork' (at end of this lesson plan) for each group.

Whiteboard or smartboard preparation

First page

On the board the question 'What makes a good team?' and a shape with the word teamwork inside and at least five arrows extending outwards.



Second page

Here are some ideas for qualities needed to create good teams and good teamwork:

- listen to each other
- all share the same goal or aim
- explanations from each member need to be clear (good communications)
- be polite to each other
- encourage each other
- people need to take responsibility for different roles
- patience
- trust each other
- accepting you might be wrong
- not being selfish
- not being bossy

Seat pupils in their groups before you start preamble with one piece of A4 for each group.

Preamble: (Teacher script in red)

At Thorpe Woodlands you will have to work as a team for lots of the activities. One person in your group is to act as scribe. Look at the board. Please would that person draw a rough circle about 10 cms in diameter in the centre of your A4 paper with five arrows.

Ping up second board

Look at this list. It contains some suggestions for qualities needed to create a good team and good teamwork. In your groups you have three minutes (choose length of time to suit class) to try to decide which five qualities from this list that you think would make a good team. Remember you will need to think of reasons why that quality is one of the most important.

Move from group to group to try to extend quality of discussion. Point out that this task is also an example of teamwork.

Return to class discussion and ask each group in turn. First group to offer quality and reason. Ask for any further reasons from other groups. Tick off the quality on the board and ask how many groups chose it. (The idea is to see which qualities were chosen most frequently). Don't extend this, but move fairly quickly through. Draw attention to those qualities most often chosen but also try to draw out that they are all important.

Finally, ask pupils to consider individually one quality they think they already possess and one that they need to develop.

Now we have carried out a short exploration of what makes a good team and what qualities people need to be a good team member.

Let's see if you can start to put these into practice before we go to Thorpe Woodlands.

Each group has a roll of sellotape, 10 sheets of paper, a metre length of string and, I am about to give each group an egg!

As a team you have to design and build an egg protector. Your egg protector must stop your egg cracking or breaking when it falls from a height of two metres.

You can use pencils if you wish to plan a design before you start, but pencils should **not** be included as part of your design. The only materials you are allowed to use are the sellotape, paper and string - and you will not be allowed any more - you have to work with what you have which means you would be **wise to plan** before you start to use your materials.

The task should take you no more that 30 minutes. Are there any questions before you start?

One aim of this task is to begin to get the pupils to see that successful teamwork also means that teams need **to plan before they do, and review** at each stage which you could try to highlight as you move from group to group.

Once you have reached the end of the 30 mins you could ask pupils to use the worksheet below to carry out a short review of their group's work before returning to final class discussion.

Reviewing Your Teamwork

How successful were you?

How well did your egg protector work?

What was good about your design?

What could you do to improve your design?

How did you find working in a team?

What was difficult about working in a team?

What was good about working in a team?

What qualities do you think you need most to work well as a team?

How do you have to behave towards each other?

How can you help each other?