

Communication ICs

Pay attention to points –How do you get the most points?

A communication IC requires a team to relay information between groups to complete a task. The communication can be verbal, non-verbal or thru intermediaries (a 3rd group)

Communication IC Tips

- Divide the team into sub groups – Practice forming into balanced groups that work well together. Balance out the team's skills. Don't put all the builders on one team and all the actors on another.
- Signaling systems – Words, sounds, claps, objects – The key is to make the system simple and easy to remember (paper and pencil are rarely given in this type of challenge) examples... 3 claps = 3 steps 2 coughs= item 2. Nod= correct, waving hands = start over
- Practice coming up with a simple easy to remember signaling system and Practice the system before you begin.
- These types of challenges require excellent teamwork skills are a great way to get your team to focus on getting along.
- Non-Verbal communication systems– Hand signs thumbs up=yes, 4 fingers = 4 steps or item 4. These are hard for kids to remember not to make sounds. Again, a great way to overcome the noisy team member who speaks over the rest of the Team.