

Activity 2.1.1 Communication Charades

Purpose

Communication is much more than just talking. You talk, you smile, you gesture, and you communicate your feelings and message in many ways. People use verbal and nonverbal communication methods including speech, facial expressions, hand gestures, body position, and emotional sounds. In some situations, not talking is the most effective means of communication. Without using speech, babies can communicate by using emotional sounds and facial expressions.

In the game of charades, players communicate clues nonverbally with their teammates who try to guess the clue correctly. One player acts out the clue item repeatedly until his or her team correctly identifies the clue. The game requires the players to use non-verbal communication. Are you a skilled communicator?

Materials

Per class:

- Charades Cue Cards

Per student:

- Pencil
- Agriscience Notebook

Procedure

In this activity, you will play charades by acting out a clue using non-verbal communication.

Part One – Completing the Charade

1. Your teacher will provide each student with a cue card.
2. Read the clue to yourself and, when it is your turn, act out the clue on the cue card.
 - Use only non-verbal communication – no talking or sounds.
 - You have 15 seconds to communicate your clue non-verbally to your classmates.
3. Your classmates will attempt to guess what you are doing.
4. If no one correctly guesses your clue, you can provide verbal hints to act out the clue, but do not say any of the words in the clue.

Part Two – Determining the Form of Communication

1. As each person presents their clue, determine what clue they are demonstrating.
2. Record each clue in Table 1.
3. Determine and record one non-verbal and one verbal method of communicating each clue.

Conclusion

1. Why is it important to recognize non-verbal communication?

pick up on social cues

2. In what situations is it helpful to use non-verbal communication?

Adversarial situations - determine true intent