

 **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 are able to communicate by using emotional sounds and facial expressions.

Speech is just one method of communicating. As long as a person understands the words, speech is an effective means of communication. Yet, you often communicate without saying anything at all.

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 non-verbal communicator?

Materials**Per class:**

- Set of cue cards

Per student:

- Pencil
- *Agriscience Notebook*

Procedure

In this activity, you will play a modified version of charades by acting out the clue using non-verbal communication. If your classmates cannot guess the clue, you may use verbal clues as long as you do not say any words that are on the card.

Part One – Completing the Charade

1. Your teacher will provide the first presenter a cue card.
 - When it is your turn, you are to act out the clue
 - Use only non-verbal communication – no talking or sounds
2. You are to read to yourself, and then non-verbally communicate the clue on the cue card.
3. Your classmates will guess what you are doing.
4. You have 15 seconds to communicate your clue non-verbally to your classmates.
5. If no one correctly guesses your clue, you can verbally 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.
6. Record each clue in Table 1.
7. Determine and record one non-verbal and one verbal method of communicating each clue.

Name: _____

Table 1 Communication Cues

	Clue	Non-Verbal Cue	Verbal Cue
1.	Weeding the garden	Bend over and picking stuff up	
2.	nervous	Hand gestures, facial expressions	
3.	Playing Cards	Handing things out at a table	
4.	Milking a cow	Hand gestures	
5.	Looking through a microscope	Looked through a microscope	
6.	Happy	Facial Expressions	
7.	Angry	Facial Expressions	
8.	Bored	Body expressions	
9.	Flossing	Hand gestures	
10.	Laughing	laughed	
11.	Reading a book	Hand gestures	
12.	Plowing	Pushed something	
13.	Cleaning a car	Rubbed arms and head	
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Conclusion

1. Describe the difference between verbal and non-verbal communication.

It's harder to non-verbally do something then to verbally do something

8. Which method of communication is easier for you and why?

Verbally doing something is easier for me because I like to talk

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

TO know what someone is saying or meaning is they cant talk

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

If someone is deaf.