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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.

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- 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

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

Table 1 Communication Cues			
	Clue	Non-Verbal Cue	Verbal Cue
1.	Angry	Facial expression and nonverbal	Close to mad
2.	Combing your hair	Acting	
3.	Milking a Cow		A white liquid
4.	Pulling weeds	Acting	
5.	Laughing	Facial expression and Acting	
6.	Washing a car	Acting	
7.	Eating cornoncob	Acting and Facial Expression	
8.	Plowing	Acting	Tractor
9.	Reading a Book	Acting and using props	
10	Mowing a lawn	Facial expression and acting	
11	Bored	Facial expression	
12	Flossing your teeth	Facial expression and acting	
13	Swimming	Acting	
14	Happy	Facial expression	
15	Nervous		She pops her knuckles when she is
16	Playing Cards	Acting	
17	Crying	Acting	
18	Mountain climbing	Facial expression and Acting	
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Conclusion

1. Describe the difference between verbal and nonverbal communication.

Verbal is talking and nonverbal is acting with facial expression.

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

Verbal because it's easier to be talking.

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

It's important because someone people don't know how to talk or can't talk.

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

In some situations it's helpful to use nonverbal with babies and deaf people because they haven't learned how to talk yet.