

Complicated Structures

Number of People	Approximate Time	Items Required
Unlimited	10-15 minutes	Legos

This exercise shows how much easier it would be if team members work in unison and share ideas. It also encourages teamwork and shows how each team member can contribute something of value to the overall success of a project.

1. Beforehand build a complicated structure from Legos and display it.
2. Hand out a Lego to each person being sure to use the same Legos used to build the complicated structure. (You can also give them totally different pieces so it makes it impossible for them to duplicate the structure.)
3. One by one have each person add his or her Lego in an effort to duplicate the complicated structure.
4. Discuss how the process could have been faster and more successful if they had worked as team.

VARIATIONS:

- Variation #1:
Use gumdrops and toothpicks instead of Legos.
- Variation #2:
Divide into teams and allow one person in each team to see the complicated structure. Have that person describe it to his or her team members and have the team members build the complicated structure.