

## RELATING TO OTHERS



## A TEAM EFFORT

## Working as a team

Chris and his team were discussing how to build the tallest tower using twenty kebab sticks. The group had 30 minutes to build a free standing tower.

Kimi suggested they build a structure with a square base. Henry picked up a couple of sticks and started putting them together.



Chris said, "I think a triangle is a stronger shape for the base. Perhaps we should test that? Then we'd use one less stick on the base and have more to add height." Henry had already made a square base with the sticks.

"How will we make the tower strong as it gets taller?" Asked Eamon.



Henry picked up two more sticks and started putting them together. "I've got an idea." He said. The others waited for him to explain but Henry just kept building.

"What's your idea?" asked Charlotte.

"Just wait." said Henry. He kept on building. the rest of the team looked on, puzzled.

Henry still had ten sticks left.

His tower began to wobble.

# EXPLORE & CONNECT!

From the story ...

1. How well do you think the team were working to begin with?
2. At what point did this change?
3. If Henry was in your group, how might you manage the situation positively and assertively?
4. What ideas do you have to help people work well in a team situation?

## Teamwork in Action

Work as a team and attempt the tower challenge to create a free standing tower that is as tall as possible, using only twenty kebab sticks and tape or blutac to connect them,

Agree on a time limit.

Observe how well you work as a team.

After you have finished, discuss the following questions ...

1. What did your team do well?
2. What does year team need to work on next time?

## Capturing teamwork as an image

Imagine you are a graphic designer.

You have been asked by a company who works with other businesses to design their new logo. They want to represent teamwork in their logo.

Design a couple of ideas for the company to choose from. Share your design with a partner. Can your partner identify the features of teamwork that are shown in your design?



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