Challenges

Our team decided on having "a challenge of the day". All games were

supposed to help building a big team. The students got the opportunity to

cooperate with each other to solve a problem successful. In order to

strengthen their self-confidence all games had to be without an actual time

limit. They could have as many tries as the wanted / needed.

After our class managed to solve the challenges we passed the challenges to

the next class.

For both classes it was a big success and a great experience!

Cooperationgames

"Stream crossing" (Flussüberquerung)

time:

about 10 minutes

age:

whatever

size of group: at least 6

material:

Newspaper

Only as a team the pupils can win this challenge. A group of 9 kids get 6 sheets of newspaper. They have to cross a dangerous stream. In order to do so they use the newspaper as stepstones. Several children are allowed on one stone. If anybody touches the ground the all have to start again. To vary

the difficulty you can hand out more or less sheets of paper or change the distance.





The flying carpet (Der fliegende Teppich)

time: about 15 minutes

age: At least 6

size of group: at least 6

material: Carpet, blanket or plastic sheet

All participants stand on the flying carpet (or similar). Afterwards they must turn the carpet upside down, without anybody touching the ground.



"The moving hoop" (Reifenwandern)

time: 5 minutes

age: whatever

size of group: at least 6

material: 1-2 hula hoops

All children stand in a circle and hold hands. Between two kids is a hoop. Now the hoop has to wander one turn around the circle. The children are not allowed to loose the grip.

You can play it also with two hoops. Let the hoops start on opposite sides. Can one hoop catch the other one?





"The island game" (Das Inselspiel)

time: 10-15 minutes

age: at least 6

size of group: at least 6

material: 1 rope, as many

stuffed animals as participants

The group was part in a plane crash and able to safe themselves on an island. In the plane were also some animals. They are in the ocean now and need to be rescued. Because of very bad currents they can only safe the

animals if they build a human chain. If the chain "breaks" the have to start all over again.





"Writing a word with natural material"

time: 15 minutes

age: Primary school

size of group: whatever

material: Leaves, stones, branches

The group has to write a word with materials they find and collect outside.

