

# Team Building Tower Consensus Decision Making

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## Teamwork Tips

When you work together with other students in a group, follow these tips:

- Encourage all members to contribute to the work of the group.
- Respect everyone's contributions. There should be no putdowns.
- Be prepared to compromise.
- Keep focused on the task at hand.
- Support the group's final decisions.

## Instructions

In teams of 4-5, use the consensus decision making process to build the tallest free standing tower using the following materials:

- 10 sheets of paper
- 2 metres of masking tape
- sheet of scrap paper (for design)
- 1 small piece of paper (for flag)
- metre stick(s) to measure structure
- scissors

## Building the tower

1. Your team has three tasks:

- In the time allowed, design and build the tallest possible free-standing tower using 10 sheets of legal paper and two metres of masking tape.
- Make sure that everyone in your team takes turns and participates equally in the activity.
- Make a flag for the top of your tower that identifies your team.

2. There are several roles in your team, which could include:

- Materials manager - The materials manager should obtain a set of materials for your team.
  - Designer - the designer should consult with the team and sketch a design (blueprint), using the team's suggestions. When all team members have accepted the design, they should sign the design sheet and show Mr. Johnson.
  - Cutter/Tape Assembler - The cutter and tape-assembler should build the tower.
  - Time-manager - The time-manager should make sure that everyone stays on task and completes the task in the time allowed.
  - Artist - The artist should consult with the team to design a flag for the top of the tower.
  - Other - If your group has more than 5 members, create a new role(s).
- Each person must have a role. Decide in your team how you will make sure that everyone participates equally. Good-luck!

## **QUESTIONS**

Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. How high did your tower measure?
2. List the role of each member in your group.
3. What did you contribute to the team? Be specific.
4. How well did your team work together?
5. Were there any problems in working together? If so what were they?
6. How did you overcome the problems?
7. What did you like most about the team's work? Was there anything you disliked?
8. Was there a visible leader(s) of the team? What qualities made them an effective leader?
9. What did you observe from this consensus building/group work activity that you could use to help you in future group activities?