

Team Scrabble

This is a complex and multi-task activity that highlights teamworking, creativity, negotiation and leadership.

The purpose of this competitive activity is for your team to finish with more earned Monopoly money than the others.

Each team will be issued with a set of identical resources:

- A Scrabble board
- A roll of Cellotape
- Four sheets of flip chart paper
- A copy of a daily newspaper
- A pair of scissors
- Six sheets of A4 paper
- A pen
- An envelope with eight scrabble tiles
- Twenty pounds in Monopoly money

Money is earned in two ways:

By producing proper sentences, one word from a separate page of the newspaper – three pounds for each word.

By the points scored for each word placed on the Scrabble board.

Additional tiles can be purchased from the banker at twice face value.

All you need to do is construct proper sentences using no more than one word from a page of the newspaper, then taking one of the words from that sentence to earn points/pounds on the Scrabble board.

All words cellotaped to the flip charts must have the page, paragraph and sentence number annotated.

When a sentence has been constructed, a claim for cash can be made from the banker. Receipts must be prepared by you, signed off by the banker, and kept for all transactions.

You must keep an accurate set of accounts throughout the activity that provide a speedy means of assessing your final financial position.

Each team has a leader, whose role is to clarify responsibilities; provide direction; draw the most contribution from each team member; motivate, and ensure compliance with all rules.

You have 15 minutes to discuss within your team how you will work on the activity, during which time no physical contact with any of the resources is possible. During this time you must also produce a flipcharted list of the six behavioural indications of effective teamworking against which you will review your collective performance on completion of the activity.

After 15 minutes of planning you will have 45 minutes to complete the activity.