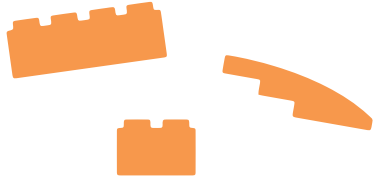


Build it with Bricks: Barrier Build Challenge

MATERIALS NEEDED:



Assorted building bricks



Base plates or a flat surface for each player



Barrier or screen - a large book, folder or box

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Set up the barrier

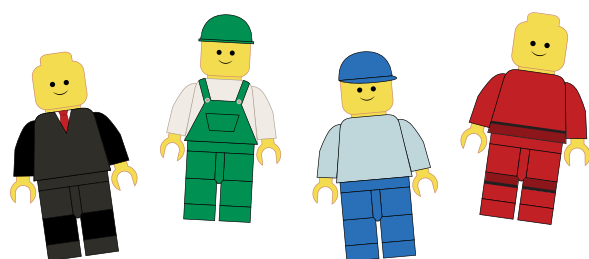
Begin by setting up a barrier between players. This can be a large book, a piece of cardboard, or any item that obstructs the view between the players.

2. The challenge

Players take turns being the 'instructor' and the 'builder.' With a barrier between them, the challenge is for the instructor to guide the builder to build the same brick creation as them by verbally giving directions without visual contact. The builder cannot see the bricks or the creation of the instructor but should have the same product at the end of the challenge.

3. Choose roles

Players select who will be the instructor and who will be the builder.



4. Give instructions and follow directions

The instructor sits on one side of the barrier with a selection of bricks and the builder sits on the other side with the same selection of bricks. The instructor verbally guides the builder on how to assemble a structure without seeing the bricks. The instructor must use clear and concise language, focusing on details.

The builder listens carefully to the instructions and uses their bricks to create the build being described. They rely solely on the verbal guidance from the instructor. The builder can ask for clarification and more information from the instructor as needed.

5. Review and reflect

After the structure is built, players remove the barrier and compare the results. Does the build of the instructor look the same as that of the builder? Discuss how well the instructions were conveyed and followed.

6. Rotate roles

Repeat the process but rotate the roles after each round to ensure each player gets a chance to practise giving instructions and following directions.

This Build it with Bricks: Barrier Build Challenge provides an entertaining way to enhance communication skills, practise giving and following instructions and strengthen fine motor skills using bricks!