

Life Skills Ties

Domain:
Communication

Level:
5-12



Human Golf

Materials: 9 paper plates, 1 blindfold for each pair of participants.
Time needed: 15-20 minutes

An essential part of communication is the ability to give precise instructions. Divide the group into pairs or small groups. One participant in each group will act as the "ball". Go to a large room or open outdoor area. Place blindfolds on the participants who are acting as the golf balls. Place paper plates in the open area to represent the holes. You may label them 1-9. Designate a tee off area for each hole. Have golfers "tee off" by giving their partners two instructions, one for the direction to face, and one indicating the distance to travel. A sample of the commands might be:

1. "Turn left 45 degrees."
2. "Walk forward 21 steps."

The "ball" moves as directed. Players may not touch the player acting as the "ball". Each set of instructions counts as a stroke. Have partners in each group switch roles for the next hole. Tabulate scores as you go. Low score wins.

Questions:

1. What elements are essential in clear communication?
2. What role does trust play in communication?
3. What difference could be made in this simulation if feedback between the "ball" and the golfers were allowed?