

EXPERIMENTAL EXPRESS

Team Managers to Prepare (before presenting this challenge to the team)...

- A train with eight carriages (performing area). Create the carriages by marking out squares 3' x 3' with tape on the floor. Form one long line with these 'carriages', leaving a 2' gap between each of the squares. The line can take on any form (doesn't have to be completely straight) to suit your working space (you need a big one!) as long as there is a 2' gap between each carriage. Number each carriage from 1 to 8.
- Cards with the numbers 1 through 7.
- The following items on each of the carriages
 - Carriage 1: a broom/mop
 - Carriage 2: a novel
 - Carriage 3: rope or cord of any length
 - Carriage 4: plastic bag
 - Carriage 5: keyring with keys
 - Carriage 6: one piece of A4 paper
 - Carriage 7: 2 tissues

The Background Story...

It was a dramatic chase on the top of an eight carriage express train! You've escaped the bad guys, but all of your team have split up, sitting on different roofs of carriages on a moving train. But in the event you'd split up, you have planned to meet up on the last carriage of the train...the hard thing is, there are gaps between the carriages you have to cross in order to get there.

The Challenge...

Each team member must select a card that will indicate which carriage you must start on. Please select a card (allow each team member to select a card and stand on their starting carriage). The marked areas are the train's carriages and the spaces in between are the gaps you must cross.

Your team's challenge is to get all your team members on the top of the last carriage. Starting with the team member on carriage 1, he or she must find a creative technique to get over the gap from carriage 1 to 2. The two team members now on carriage 2 must together find a new creative technique to get them both over the gap to carriage 3. This process continues down the entire train length until all of your team are together, trying to find a creative technique to get the entire team over the gap and onto the eighth and final carriage. If you step outside the marked area or 'fall off the carriage' you must return back to the previous carriage.

You will notice there is an item on top of each of the carriages. You may use these items to help find a creative technique to get over the gaps. These items must be taken with you

down the entire train length and the way they are used will be scored as part of your techniques.

You will have 7 minutes to get your team to the final carriage. You have no preparation time.

You will score...

- 1 to 5 points for the creative techniques used by the team member(s) to cross the gap between carriages 1 and 2 and the gap between 2 and 3 (2 techniques x 1-5pts = max. 10pts)
 - 1 to 10 points for the techniques used by the team to cross between carriages 3 and 4 and between 4 and 5 (2 techniques x 1-10pts = max. 20pts)
 - 1 to 15 points for the techniques between 5 and 6; and 6 and 7 (2 techs. x 1-15pts = max. 30pts)
 - 1 to 20 points for the creative technique used by the whole team to get to the final carriage
 - 1 to 20 points for teamwork
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