



Puzzle –Puzzle

any level

Objective: work collaboratively using only non verbal communication to complete a goal

Supplies:

a 100 piece puzzle for each group of 4 people(Use smaller puzzles for younger students.)

- Explain/model/practice non verbal cues
- Divide the class into groups of 4.
- Establish a time for the activity.
- Remind the class that no verbal communication can be used during the activity.
- Give each group a puzzle. When the timer begins, challenge the groups to organize themselves and then begin assembling their puzzle.
- At the end of the time limit, let each group discuss their approach to the project and the adjustments they would make when the activity repeats itself.
- Student can take a “puzzle stroll” and see the other groups’ puzzles.

Extensions:

- ✓ Do a cooperative learning “jigsaw” and form groups to share what was observed/accomplished in the original groups.
- ✓ Have each group model/explain the nonverbal cues that they used.
- ✓ At another time, repeat the puzzle activity using the same or different groups. Change the puzzles or keep the same according to your goal.
- ✓ Let students decide if they try same group/same puzzle.
- ✓ Have the class organize additional “spins” on using puzzles for future PATs.
- ✓ Trade unfinished puzzles and complete.