

Activity: Human Tic-Tac-Toe

Materials: Nine chairs

Procedure:

- Clear a large space in the center of the classroom.
- Place the chairs in the form of tic-tac-toe (3 rows and 3 columns) with space to walk between each chair.
- Two teams of five are chosen. It works easiest with guys vs. girls, but doesn't have to be. The teams stand on opposite sides and at the front of the room.
- The object of the game is to beat the other team at tic-tac-toe.
- The game **MUST** be played in complete silence, and with **ABSOLUTELY** no communication of any kind, verbal or non-verbal, between teams or teammates. No grunting, pointing, eye-movements, etc.

Discussion:

The lesson in the game is on perception -- sometimes what we see isn't exactly what someone else sees. Usually in the first couple of games or so, a player or players, will have the opportunity to win the game for their team, but will be in a defensive frame of mind and therefore block the other team from winning. This game produces great fun and competition. A variation allows the team that "plays" second to get two moves. What is interesting is that the team that gets this "advantage" rarely wins !!!

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