

TEAM GAMES

Team Ties

- Resources needed:**
- 4 balls of wool – red, yellow, blue and green
 - Pack of UNO cards
 - Scissors
 - Table

Preparation:

- Cut lots of different lengths of wool from each ball (they need to be long enough to knot together, but don't make them too long)
- Mix the different coloured lengths of wool together and heap them onto the table in the middle of the room

Instructions:

Sort the teams

- Take equal numbers of each coloured card from the UNO cards and get each person to take one. They must not speak or show their card to anyone.
- Without talking or showing their card they must sort themselves into teams – all the yellows in one team, all the reds in another etc. Each team should be located in a different corner of the room. They can point to other items in the room to indicate colours, but must not speak or show their card.
- After the silent (and hopefully fun!) sorting, each team selects their own leader then you're ready to go!

How to play

- One member of each team will run to the table and pick up a piece of wool in the appropriate colour for their team. They take the wool back to their corner and hand it to another member of the team.
- They, or another member of the team, then goes back to pick up another piece of wool. They take it back to their team and it is tied to the other piece.
- This continues until the time is up (5 minutes is good, but you can set a time to suit you). The team with the longest thread wins.

The rules

- Only one person can go and pick up one piece of wool at a time.
- They cannot go back for another piece until the one they have has been knotted onto the team's thread.
- Only one continuous thread can be created but pieces can be tied to either end.

Learning:

- *Communication*
- *Leadership*
- *Team role*
- *Time management*
- The team needs to work together to ensure only one person is picking up pieces of wool at a time and only one thread is being created.
- The person collecting wool should select the longest piece they can to ensure their team has the longest thread at the end of the time limit – but they need to choose quickly!

