

The Orange Game

Our Skills Challenge Award Requirement 5

Take part in at least two problem-solving activities that you haven't done before.

Location

Indoors or outdoors depending on the weather

Time

20 – 30 minutes

Equipment

- two oranges per young person
- name tag or sticker for each young person and each orange
- pen
- indoor or outdoor space

Preparation

- 1 Split the Pack into their Sixes or small groups (the larger the group, the more complex the activity).
- 2 Keep instructions to a minimum and encourage the Cubs to think independently.
- 3 Assign each Cub a letter of the alphabet using a labelled tag or sticker
- 4 Label the oranges with letters so that it's possible for each Cub to have two oranges with their corresponding letter except for one Cub who will end up with only one orange.

Instructions

1. Each Six should sit in a circle.
2. Explain that the aim of the game is for each Cub to end up holding two oranges labelled with their own letter.
3. Distribute the oranges. At this stage, no-one should be holding an orange that is labelled with their letter.
4. The Cubs must then pass the oranges around until everyone has two oranges labelled with their letter. There are a few rules:
 - a. They are only allowed to hold one orange in each hand
 - b. An orange can only be passed to the empty hand of an immediate neighbour in the circle (either orange can be passed)
5. Cubs will quickly find that if they hold onto their own oranges as soon as they get them, the group might not be able to achieve their goal. It's important to emphasise that it's a team problem-solving challenge.

Top Tips

This is the perfect problem-solving activity to do indoors on a rainy day.

Take it further

- You could mix up groups, or change the size of the groups.
- Encourage the Cubs to come up with new rules, for example, no talking allowed.
- Try different configurations, for example, sitting in a straight line rather than a circle
- Use the oranges from this activity to bake chocolate orange brownies on a campfire for your Our Skills Challenge Award Requirement 4. See the Jaffa chocolate orange campfire brownies activity sheet on our partner page.