



## Team Builders

# Jelly bean challenge

- Individual
- Pairs
- Small group
- Whole group

**Uses:** This is another sweetie activity, but this one is a team challenge. The team have to work under the pressure of time to complete the challenge.

**Resources:** Each group is given the same resources on a paper plate:  
12 jelly beans, 12 cocktail sticks, 1 Post-it note.  
Note: the number of jelly beans and cocktail sticks can be altered as long as everyone has the same.

**Time:** 10 minutes plus.

### What to do:

1. Working in teams of no more than four, ideally three, give each team the same resources.
2. The team challenge is that they have to build the tallest free-standing tower they can, using only the equipment they have been given. Their tower must have a flag on it and will need to stay standing until all groups have been looked at. Depending on the age group you could give them between five and ten minutes to complete the challenge.
3. Give the teams a few moments to look round and see how others tackled the challenge. Celebrate each team's achievement.

### Make it different:

- You could leave out the Post-it note, but give the same instruction. They will have to use their creativity to make a flag from something. Instead of a tower, you could ask for a house, an animal or a plant. You may want to increase the resources or timeframe.

### Points to make:

- Again, teams will need to plan and think ahead. Sometimes the tallest structure is not the most stable. Their tower has to stay standing until the feedback at the end, so needs to be stable.
- Explore whether the team would use the same design again or would do something different next time.