



## Energiser

# Team sentence

- Individual
- Pairs
- Small group
- Whole group

**Uses:** This is a team energiser that sets the team the challenge of writing a team sentence where everybody contributes one word.

**Resources:** Flipchart per team. A large sheet of paper for each team on the wall works just as well.

**Time:** 10-15 minutes.

### What to do:

1. Begin by explaining that the participants will be competing to see which team is the first to complete a group sentence. Next, the participants are asked to divide into two teams. If the group contains an uneven number, one participant may compete twice.
2. The teams then line up ten feet from their paper. After giving the first person in each team's line a marker, explain the rules of the game.
3. The rules are as follows:
  - Each team member is responsible for adding one word to the sentence.
  - The players take turns; after they go to the board and write one word, they run back to give the next player the marker, and then go to the end of the line. (The sentence must contain the same number of words as there are members on the team.)
  - A player may not add a word between words that have already been written.
4. Give the teams one minute to work out their strategy for completing this task.

### Make it different:

- Create more, smaller teams if you want to make the challenge a bit easier. You could also increase the planning time.

### Points to make:

- Explore through discussion how the team managed the task; how important was it to plan ahead? How did individuals co-operate with each other?