

TITLE: Pencil Drop

IMPACT: bonding, problem solving, physical challenge, fun

RISK: low

GROUP SIZE: 2 or more

TIME REQUIRED: 10 - 20 minutes

DIRECTIONS:

- Beforehand, tie two pieces of string around the eraser end of a pencil
- Ask everyone to find a partner.
- Choose one of the pairs, and ask the players to stand back to back.
- Tie the two pieces of string around their waists so that the pencil is hanging down between them.
- Place the bottle on the floor between them.
- Challenge them to lower the pencil into the bottle without using their hands.

DISCUSSION:

- What was the most challenging thing about this activity?
- What was the easiest thing?
- How did you and your partner work well/poorly together?
- What changes could you have made that would have enabled you to work together to accomplish the task more quickly?

OPTION:

- This can be a race against time or a race between several pairs.
- Blindfold the pair and have the rest of the group direct them.

