

Cooperation Maze

Ages: 6 & up

Number of Players: 2

Purpose: This fun and simple maze will teach children the importance of depending on another person for success.

You Will Need: 1 pen, 1 copy of this maze, 1 bandanna or large piece of cloth to use as a blindfold

Introduce the game by saying:

It is important for people to learn to cooperate with each other. To successfully navigate this maze you need to completely depend on another player.

How to play:

- 1) Print out the maze on the following page.
- 2) Place the blindfold on one child and then give him the pen.
- 3) The other child should then place the blindfolded child's pen on the starting line of the maze. This child (without the blindfold) should then direct the blindfolded child to slowly move the pen through the maze, giving verbal directions such as left, right, up, and down, etc.
- 4) The goal of the game is for the blindfolded child to successfully complete the maze using only the directions from the other child.
- 5) The blindfolded child starts with 20 points. Each time his pen crosses a line in the maze, he loses 1 point. At the completion of the maze, the child counts up how many points (if any) he has lost and subtracts this number from 20. This is his score.
- 6) The child then has the opportunity to score an additional 5 points by describing 5 other situations in which cooperation is helpful. Children should list the situation and explain how cooperation could be helpful in that situation in order to get a point.
- 7) Add the number of points from the maze together with the points earned by describing situations in order to determine the player's final score.
- 8) Print out another copy of the maze and have children switch roles.
- 9) If the combined scores from both players exceeds 25, then they both get a treat, privilege, or small prize.

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