

## Construction Zone

**Introduction:** This is a great teambuilding and communication activity.

**Materials:** A deck of cards for each team of 2-3 students, construction materials such as tape, glue, staples, etc.

**Directions:**

1. Arrange students into groups of two or three individuals.
2. Explain that each group will use their cards to build a house.
3. They can decide to enter their house in any one of three contests: the Biggest House Contest, the Strongest House Contest, or the Most Creative House Contest.
4. They can use whatever supplies they can find -- tape, glue, staples, and so on -- to help them build their house *or* they can rip, fold, bend, or otherwise alter the cards.
5. *Here is the catch! Students are not allowed to talk during this whole process!* They need to find other ways by which to communicate.
6. Set a time limit for the activity, and set a timer to ensure that groups are constantly aware of the time remaining.
7. After the houses are built, each group gets to share their house and how they learned to communicate.

