# Student worksheet - What makes an effective team

## Key messages

* Working as a team is an important part of being a good employee
* Everyone plays an important role in the workplace
* For example, the people who clean the building are just as important as the managers
* Team work is when everyone does the best they can to reach the same goal

A good example of teamwork can be seen in team sports.

* Each player has an important job
* Each player is chosen for his or her individual skill, which fits in with the rest of the team
* Each player supports and encourages their team mates to do their best
* A champion player on his/her own is not a winning team
* A champion team working together towards a common goal makes a winning team

## Activity 1: Teamwork Tower

**Aim:** Build the tallest tower you can from straws. If straws are not available, you may like to use building blocks or cardboard boxes. Your tower should stand straight without any help when finished.

**Items:** A packet of straws, blocks, cardboard boxes, sticky tape

**Time:** You have 20 minutes to finish

**Work in small groups**

* Pick someone to help cut the tape
* Pick someone to help cut the straws/cardboard
* Pick someone to help join the straws/cardboard
* Pick someone to help hold the tower up

Discuss with your class how you worked together to make sure everyone was included and played a part in your creation.

What worked well in your team?

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What did you need to do to make your tower better?

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