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VERBAL COMMUNICATION

One kind of communication is verbal communication. Verbal communication means "using words."

Talking is verbal communication.

Writing is verbal communication too.

Words stand for the ideas in your mind. When you talk to your friends, you send your ideas to them with words. This is called speech communication.



The Game: Circle the verbal communication.

1. girl talking on the phone
2. boy eating a hamburger
3. radio DJ tells the name of a song
4. teacher tells how to do math
5. police signals with his hand to stop
6. football score reads "home 6, visitor 0"
7. sign that reads "Chips \$1.00"
8. you calling for your dog
9. boy riding a bike
10. teens fixing a sandwich



What did you learn?

TALKING ON THE PHONE

Talking on the phone is a lot of fun! It is easier than going to your friend's house to talk. Using words like "hello" and "please" show courtesy.



Social Rules for Talking on the Phone

- Call at times when you won't disturb the family. Don't call too early or late at night. Don't call at mealtime.
- Always say who you are. "Hello. This is Joe Castro. May I please speak with Maria?"
- Don't talk too long. Someone else may need to use the phone.
- Business calls should not be long. Speak clearly and tell the reason for your call.
- Be polite.

The Game: Circle the words in the sentences that show courtesy.

1. "Hello! This is Mary Smith. May I speak with Anna?
Thank you."
2. "Good morning. My name is Ben Kelly. May I speak with the person in charge of new phone service? Thank you."
3. "I know it is your dinner time, so I will let you go now.
Thank you."



What did you learn?

THE LINCOLN–DOUGLAS DEBATES

Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas held seven debates when they were running for the Senate. This was in Illinois in 1858. They debated on the issue of slavery. At each debate, each man talked for an hour and a half!

Douglas said that each state should decide to have slavery or not. Lincoln viewed slavery "as a moral, social, and political evil." Lincoln won more votes from the people, but Douglas won more areas. Douglas became the Senator. However, because Abraham Lincoln was such a powerful speaker, he was asked to run for President.



The Game: Answer the questions.

1. What was the subject of the debates? _____
2. Did Lincoln and Douglas agree with each other? _____
3. What office were they running for? _____
4. Where did the debates take place? _____
5. Who won the election? _____
6. How did the debates help Lincoln become president? _____

FYI: President Lincoln was a lawyer.

HAVING A MEETING

If you are planning a meeting, use these rules:

- ✓ Tell each member when and where the meeting will take place. This is called a notice.
- ✓ Make sure there are enough members at the meeting to decide about the issues.
- ✓ Follow an agenda. An agenda is the list of things to be discussed.



Spanish Club Meeting

April 15th, 3:15 p.m., Mrs. Sosa's Classroom

1. Call to order
2. Read and approve the minutes of the April 10th meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Club trip committee report
5. New business
6. Announcements
7. Closing

The Game: Look at the agenda. Number the sentences in the correct order.

1. Tell people to sit down, because the meeting is starting. _____
2. Maria tells how much money is in the bank account for the Spanish Club. _____
3. Ty reads the minutes from the last meeting. _____
4. Janie reports that the club has a date for the trip to the Mexican restaurant. _____
5. The next meeting will be held on May 5th. _____
6. Ty had new business. The meeting room changed to room #15. _____
7. Everyone left. _____

ACTING IN A PLAY

It is fun to act in a play! First, you go to a tryout session and read something from the play. The director will tell you if you are picked to be an actor. Then, you have to learn your lines. When you go to a rehearsal (practice), the director shows the actors how to move on the stage and tells them how to act and speak better. A dress rehearsal is fun because it is the first time you get to wear your costume and make-up during a practice.

Opening night is very exciting. You finally get to perform the play in front of an audience!



The Game: Read the story. Answer the questions.

Romeo and Juliet is a play about two teenagers who fall in love. Their families are rich. But their families are enemies, so Romeo and Juliet are not allowed to see each other. Romeo and Juliet run away and get married. Then, they go back to their homes. They want to meet later. Juliet takes a drug and pretends to die. She plans to wake up after the funeral and find Romeo. Romeo hears that she is dead. He goes to her and is so sad that he kills himself. Then, Juliet wakes up and sees Romeo lying dead next to her. She is heartbroken and kills herself too.

1. Who are the main characters? _____
2. Is this a tragedy or comedy? _____
3. Which character would you like to play? _____
4. What kind of costume would you wear? _____



Would you like to be an actor in a play?
