

Careers in Manufacturing

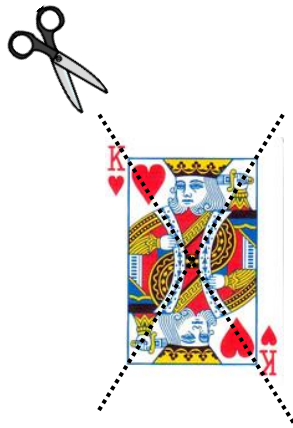
Communication is Key: Card Activity

This activity helps students negotiate and communicate to achieve the most successful outcomes. It also helps students understand the concept of accepting loss and figuring out what could have been improved to achieve a desired outcome. These communication skills are imperative in the manufacturing industry. Clear, frequent communication helps employees perform their jobs safely and efficiently. When communication flows easily in each direction of the corporate ladder, employees feel more engaged with their work, leading to better worker retention and higher overall productivity.

Educational Objective:

Students will learn the importance of clear communication and teamwork.

1. First, cut a deck of playing cards into four triangular sections using scissors.



2. Shuffle the pieces of cut playing cards and equally distribute them into envelopes.
3. Separate students into at four teams. Each team will receive an envelope of playing card pieces.
4. The teams then have 8 to 10 minutes to barter and trade pieces to complete their cards.
5. The team with the most completed cards wins.

For the facilitator: After the game, talk to your teams about what worked or failed. Did they use empathy to see things from another person's perspective? This helps them tailor their communication more effectively. Were they actively listening to one another? Not everyone expresses themselves the same, so being able to adjust and understand another's communication style is key.

