Communication Blocks

Set Up

* Divide people into 4 groups, and have them stand at four corners, at least 20 feet apart.
* Give each group 5 blocks at random.
* Place the remaining 5 blocks in the center.
* The object is for all four groups to have their 5 blocks in sequential order. (Note only one sequence at a time is possible.)
* The order will be for one of the four corners on the blocks. (This is a group decision)

Rules

* In order to get different blocks to complete a sequence a meeting will need to be called.
* A meeting is one person from each group who comes to the center.
* At a meeting there is NO TALKING ALOUD!!
* To call a meeting simple shout “Meeting!”
* A meeting can be called at any time.
* Each group must immediately send one person to the meeting.
* Each person must bring two blocks and set them down on the ground.
* A meeting can last as long as needed.
* But the meeting ends as soon as one person picks up two blocks and returns to their group.
* When a meeting ends everyone must immediately grab two blocks and return to their group.
* Quit conversations are allowed in the groups but no communication between the groups is permitted outside of calling a meeting.
* The same person may not attend a meeting more than two times in a row.
* If someone is breaking the rules have them sit away from their team and not able to communicate with anyone.

Refection (after they have completed the task, ask questions like)

* Describe how this task went?
* What was the hardest thing about this task?
* What made it difficult?
* How did you feel about those in your group?
* How did you feel about those in meetings with you?
* How did you feel about yourself?
* What was a key to success of the task?
* What surprised you?
* What did you learn about yourself?
* What did you learn about your family?
* What will you take back and apply to your life?