



Straw Game

Materials:

1. Straws (about 300 for a full class)
2. Scotch tape

To play the game:

1. Divide the students into groups of two
2. Give each group 20 straws and 12 inches of tape.
3. The challenge is for the students to build the highest free-standing structure they can. Free-standing means no taping the straws to the table, floor or ceiling. No holding up the straw structure. In addition they can *only* use the straws and the tape. No incorporating pencils or chewing gum into their structure.
4. You can set a time limit. Approximately 20 minutes encourages them to work quickly.
5. It's a competition to see who can build the highest structure! You may choose to award a prize to the winning team.
6. (optional) This game can be done silently. This helps with team work skills.