

Egg Drop

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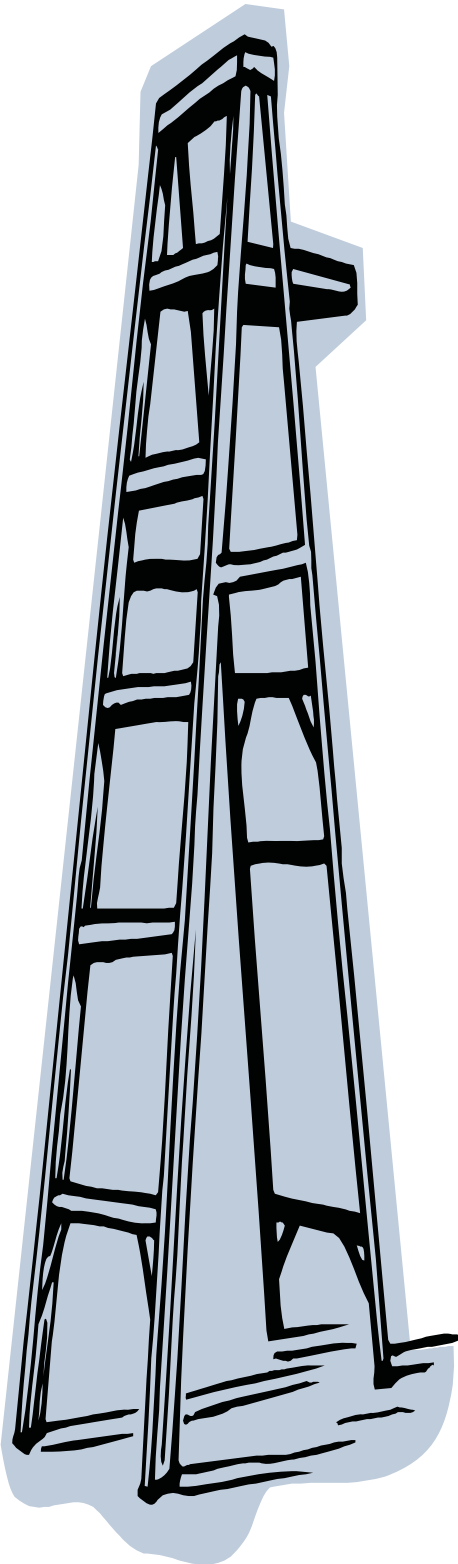
Team Instructions:

As a team you have been empowered to deliver an extremely valuable product to a customer. The product must arrive on time and in the same condition as it was given to you. Your company is located at the top of the ladder; your customer is located at the bottom of the ladder.

The EGG is your product.

Your responsible and supportive upper management has supplied the resources to assist you in delivering the product (see bag).

Time is critical. You have 10 minutes to prepare for delivery.

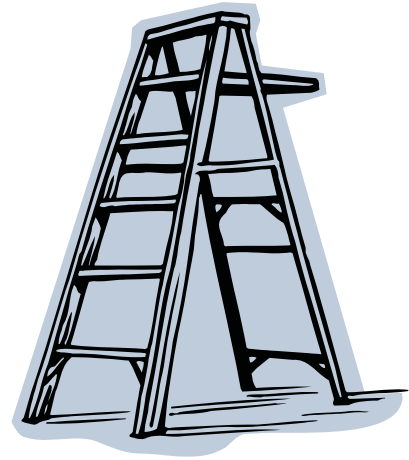


Supplies per team (delivered in a bag, stapled shut):

- 1 raw egg
- 4 drinking straws
- 1 handkerchief
- 2 feet of masking tape
- 6 feet of string
- 1 piece of paper (8-1/2 X 11)

Other Supplies:

- 1 ladder
- serving tray (landing spot)



Learning objectives:

Real, human, team performance under pressure. Suggest team configuration totally random. Give no direction with the exception of the “Team Instructions.”

Following the drop:

Ask if drops were considered “successful.”

- Broken eggs usually say “no”
- Whole eggs usually say “yes”

Go on to ask for positive and negative team behaviors exhibited.

Could they improve team performance and increase the probability of success?

Criteria:

Egg must be released from a height level with the top step or higher.

Egg cannot be altered (some will suggest boiling it).

Could make activity more challenging and tense...

- If extra credit is given for resources not used if egg doesn't break
- Point deducted for resources not used if egg breaks
- No credit if not ready by scheduled drop time

