
The Odobokko/Warraburra Number System

Trainer's Guidelines

- Explain that this is an activity that looks at communication skills in general. It looks at your ability to communicate verbally. It is **not** about memory, but more to do with you choosing an effective method of communication in order to get your points across.
- Split delegates into two tribes, each has to choose a tribe name.
- Explain that both live on different sides of a big hill. One tribe are farmers and the others are hunters.
- The chiefs of each tribe hate each other and don't communicate because they think the other one is stupid.
- Due to a decline in their customer base (no cowboys to trade with) the chiefs realise that they must start to trade with one another in order to survive. They therefore need to communicate with each other.
- One tribe uses the Odobocko numbering system whilst the other uses the Worraburra numbering system.
- Your task is to devise a communication method that will enable a chosen member of your tribe communicate your numbering system to the other tribe so that both tribes can start to trade.
- Tell delegates that they have 15 minutes to familiarise themselves with their numbering system and then 5 minutes to teach the system to the others.
- Following the task of teaching your system to the other tribe, members of that tribe will be asked to come forward and write on a flip chart a number chosen by the trainer using the numbering system they have just learnt. (Trainer prior to activity decide upon the numbers you will ask delegates to write on the flip chart)


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
1. No visual communication methods can be used by any communicators
2. The chosen 'teacher' is not allowed to have his/her tribe's numbering system sheet in front of them whilst teaching the other tribe
3. The chosen 'teacher' cannot receive any help from their own tribe
4. The tribe being taught cannot ask questions
5. The communicator is not allowed to use hand movements and must have his/her hands behind their back
6. The tribe being taught cannot consult with one another in any shape or form
7. The tribe being taught can however make notes whilst being taught but cannot use these notes at any other stage during the activity.


Tribe A - The Worraburra Number System


You are a remote tribe who live in the foothills of the Carruda Mountains in Deepest Darkest Flootle. You have your own language and number system.

You wish to begin trading with the Odobocko tribe on the other side of the mountain. In order to do this, they need to understand your number system, and you theirs. Your number system is written below.


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
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
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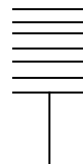
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Your tribe's success will be measured on how well the other tribe is able to use your number system after the training period, and is able to convert any Arabic number into its Worraburra equivalent, e.g.



is 26

and



is 34

You have 15 minutes to learn your own system, and 5 minutes to teach it to a representative from the Odobocko tribe.

Tribe B - The Odobocko Number System

You are a remote tribe who live in the foothills of the Carruda Mountains in Deepest Darkest Flookle. You have your own language and number system.

You wish to begin trading with the Worraburra tribe on the other side of the mountain. In order to do this, they need to understand your number system, and you theirs. Your number system is written below.


A zero is represented by crossed sticks




1 = 

4 = 


7 = 

2 = 

5 = 

8 = 

3 = 

6 = 

9 = 

Your tribe's success will be measured on how well the other tribe is able to use your number system after the training period, and is able to convert any Arabic number into its Odobocko equivalent, e.g.

  is 26 and   is 34

You have 15 minutes to learn your own system, and 5 minutes to teach it to a representative from the Worraburra tribe.