

Special Task Force Operation: Communication

Team's Name _____

You are on a special task force who must perform top secret missions. Your team must develop ways to communicate without speaking. Sometimes you may not be able to see each other, and your missions typically require you to be hidden. Therefore, obvious lights and sounds will only tell the enemy you are there. Any communication tools must also be small and light as you will need to be able to move quickly and quietly.

Create ways to communicate on these special tasks:

1. Your team is on a mission to catch a spy in the Pentagon. You have gotten a tip that the spy is going to steal top secret documents this evening. Your strategy is to divide into two groups on either side of the pentagon. Because of the shape of the pentagon, you will not be able to see each other. When one group sees the spy coming (pretend), they must communicate this to the other group and remain hidden. You fear the spy is an insider, so you cannot use walkie talkies or hearing aides as they will hear everything you say too. Therefore, you must be undetectable by sound. Any sounds you make must be typical of the environment but detectable by your team as a mode of communication.
2. It is dusk. Your team is in bushes staking out the house of an illegal arms dealer. The house is surrounded with the dealer's own guards. You are divided into three groups. You must communicate when to move closer to the house and in which direction. You can see each other but must be silent. You cannot risk use flashlights of any kind or you will be detected by the enemy. Can you get to the house without being detected?
3. Your team is amidst the President of the United States and other world leaders at a special dinner. You've just gotten notice that one of the people in this room is a terrorist threat. Create a way to communicate with other team members in this room about the threat without notifying others.
4. Your team is in scuba gear on a deep sea mission. All of the gear came with faulty light batteries that only lasted twenty

minutes. You and your team are 300 yards from the submarine. Create a communication method to get the entire team back to the sub when you can't see or hear each other.