

CHAPTER 18 – TEAMWORK



**BEFORE YOU READ.** Look at the picture and read the title of the story.

1. Write your answers on the line.

What are these people doing? \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Circle your answers.

Teamwork means:

1. Working in an office
2. Playing a sport
3. Working together

Do you think teamwork is important at work?

1. Yes
2. No

Do you think teamwork is important at school?

1. Yes
2. No

Do you think teamwork is important in sports?

1. Yes
2. No

**TEAMWORK**

Ben Toy works for a large computer company. He and his coworkers are on a “scavenger hunt.” They have a list of questions, such as “What is the name of the oldest painting at the Museum of Modern Art?” They must travel around the city to find the answers. The employees separate into two teams. First, each team decides where to look for the answers. For example, they can go to zoos, museums, and parks. Then they choose a person to go to each place. Everybody has a job to do so the team can finish quickly. When they find an answer, they write it down. The first team that finds all the answers wins.

Ben and the other employees are having fun, but they are working, too. In fact, Ben’s boss wrote the questions for the scavenger hunt. The company is teaching the employees to work together. Many companies now have new and exciting ways to teach cooperation, or teamwork. They believe that employees work better when they help each other. They can work faster and more easily, too. Companies think this is important.

Some companies do other fun things to teach teamwork. For example, one small company sends employees to a cooking school. The employees help each other while they learn to prepare a large delicious meal. When they are done, they sit down and enjoy the meal together. They learn to cook, and they also learn to work together. Employees at another company go rock climbing. Rock climbers must work together to succeed. All the employees have a good time and learn an important lesson, too. This is fun for the workers and important for the companies.

1. **MAIN IDEA.** What is the most important idea of the story? Circle the letter.

1. Some companies have fun ways to teach teamwork.
2. Teamwork is important for many large companies.
3. Ben and the other employees enjoyed the scavenger hunt.

2. **JUST THE FACTS.** Check (✓) True or False. If a sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	True	False
1. Ben Toy is the boss of a large computer company. <i>Ben Toy works for a large computer company.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. _____ The employees learn to work together on the scavenger hunt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____ Ben's boss plans where to look for the answers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____ Companies teach teamwork in different ways.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____ Some employees go to cooking schools to learn teamwork.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____ It's important for rock climbers to work alone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. **LEARN NEW WORDS.** Choose the correct words. Write them on the lines.

Choose          cooperation          decides          ~~hunt~~          separate          wins

1. The company told Ben Toy and his coworkers to go on a scavenger   hunt  .
2. First, the employees \_\_\_\_\_ into two teams.
3. A large computer company decided to teach \_\_\_\_\_, or teamwork, to its employees.
4. Then the teams \_\_\_\_\_ a person to go to each place.
5. The first team that finds all the answers \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Each team \_\_\_\_\_ where to look for the answers.

4. **WHAT HAPPENED FIRST?** With a partner, put the sentences in Activity 3 in the correct order.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c.   1   d. \_\_\_\_\_ e. \_\_\_\_\_ f. \_\_\_\_\_

5. **THINK IT OVER.** Teamwork is important for scavenger hunts, cooking, and rock climbing. What other activities are easier to do with teamwork? With a partner, write six more activities in the chart below. Share your answers.

ACTIVITIES FOR TEAMWORK	
Scavenger hunts	
Cooking	

6. **TALK IT OVER.** Separate into two teams. With your team, write a list of ten questions about your school or your class. For example, “Who speaks three languages?” or “How many computers are in the computer lab?” Then trade lists and go on a scavenger hunt.

SCAVENGER HUNT QUESTIONS	
1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

7. **WRITE IT DOWN.** Look at the list in Activity 5. Which activity needs teamwork most? Why?

*Teamwork is most important for* \_\_\_\_\_ *because* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAPTERS 17 AND 18 – ACTIVITY MENU

1. **TIE IT ALL TOGETHER.** With a partner, write each word in the correct column in the table below. Then add more words from Chapters 17 and 18.

Adults	cook	fun	rock climbers	uncles
aunts	enjoy	microscope	rock climbing	university
boss	exciting	museum	teach	work
bridge	father	police station	teamwork	zoo

**MORE WORDS:**

PLACES	PEOPLE	FEELINGS	ACTIVITIES	THINGS
	<i>Father</i>			

2. **TALK IT OVER.** Talk about the stories in Chapters 17 and 18 with a group. How are they similar? How are they different? Complete the sentences.

*The two stories are similar because* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*The two stories are different because* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. **JUST FOR FUN.** Complete the activity with a partner.

Unscramble the following sentences.

Example:

Important    it's    together    to    work    learn    to

It's    important    to    learn    to    work    together

1. fun There to ways are teamwork teach

\_\_\_\_\_

2. aunt works the Cara's at Massachusetts of University

\_\_\_\_\_

Now write two scrambled sentences. Ask your partner to unscramble them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. **GO ONLINE.** Use an Internet search engine like Google and type in "Take Our Daughters to Work Day." What day will it be next year? Write your answer here.

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