

TRAVERSE WALL ACTIVITY: “FOLLOWING A ROUTE MAP”

STUDENTS READ ROUTE MAPS AND VERBALLY COMMUNICATE
THE ROUTE TO CLIMBERS.



MATERIALS NEEDED:
12 Route Maps



THE ACTIVITY:

This activity focuses on teamwork and communication. Students work in two-person teams, one climbing and one giving verbal instructions. The non-climber on each team will be given a route map by the instructor. After studying the route map, the non-climber will verbal guide his/her partner through the climbing route. The activity is complete when the last hold on the route has been accomplished.

Divide the class into two-person teams and instruct them as follows:

- Decided who will climb first.
- The non-climber receives a route map and is the only one who may look at it.
- Verbal instructions are the only mode of communication allowed. No pointing is allowed.
- After the route has been completed, team members are asked to review the map together and evaluate whether the route was successfully followed.
- After review of evaluation of the climb has taken place, roles are reversed, a new map is introduced and the process is repeated with the new climber.