

# Team Game Directions

Run off seven different-colored sets for seven "Color Teams." Cut apart. Put in envelopes color coded on the front with a small color square, or clip together with all pictures/words facing inward, hidden from view. I give the Teams one minute on a **TIMER** to get into their color groups, including one person picking up the cards. I assign a one-point penalty if they all are not seated at their team table with all chairs facing inward. Also a one-point penalty if they open the cards early or if I catch someone peeking. I also have been known to take a point off if a team has a member who is not actively participating. This encourages the malcontents or those upset for some reason to rise above it and participate. Sometimes they have a good time in spite of themselves! Teacher says "Ready! Set! Go!" Teams must figure out what you want them to do, then proceed to do it. Once they think they are done, they shout, "Done! Red!" or whatever their Team Color is. I write the numbers down on the Team Game Tally Sheet. After all are done, I walk around the room, giving points to each team who is correct. If seven teams, first place gets seven points, second place gets six, etc. If first place team has one wrong they only get six points, if two wrong, five points. The only way to get zero points is to be in last place and get it wrong. Rarely happens. Give them one minute to clip the cards together exactly as they were--or put in envelopes--then turn in game cards to teacher and get back to regular seats. Assign one point penalty if any team doesn't get it all done within one minute. Total up the Game Points. Add to Running Total for each team you can keep on another Team Game Tally Sheet.

**NOTE:** The timing of transitions from Team Games back to regular classwork is vital! Using a **TIMER** is **THE BEST WAY I KNOW** and works like a charm! My student teachers never had any problem with the transition from a Quiet Classroom to a rowdy Team Game back to a Quiet Classroom. It's all about classroom management! Once you train kids what you expect, they know what to do!

# Team Game Tally Sheet

Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Pink Team

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Green Team

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Red Team

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Blue Team

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Orange Team

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Purple Team

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Yellow Team

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