

## Team competition: Reported commands

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**Level:** Upper Intermediate

**Target age:** Secondary / Adult

**Time needed:** 30 minutes

**Grammar objective:** to practise using *He/She told you to ...; He/She said to ...*

**Materials:** two sheets of paper, one copy of the teacher's instructions

**Summary:** This is a fluency-based team competition designed to practise the reported commands *He/She told you to ... and He/She said to ...*

### Procedure

1. Divide the class into two teams.
2. Give each team a sheet of paper.
3. Tell them they are going to make a paper boat. You are not going to tell them directly, but members of each team should take it in turns to come up to you to get an instruction and then report it back to their teams using *He/She told us to ...* or *He/She said to ...*
4. Get one member of each team to come up to you and (quietly) give them the first instruction.
5. They should return to their teams and report the instruction. The teams should carry it out.
6. When they have done it (not before!), another member of the team should come up to you and ask for the next instruction.
7. As it gets more complicated, they may need to return for clarification or repetition of the instruction.
8. The teams will start together but get out of synch as one overtakes the other. Keep tabs on where each team has got to by putting a tick in the relevant box (for Team A or Team B) on the instructions sheet as each team is given the instruction.
9. The winning team is the one who makes the paper boat correctly first.

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### HOW TO MAKE A PAPER BOAT

Team A

1. Fold the paper in half on the longest side.

Team B

Team A

2. Fold it in half again on the longest side and open it out once.

Team B

Team A

3. With the fold at the top, fold the top two corners to the middle line.

Team B

Team A

4. Fold the bottom strip up on each side.

Team B

Team A

5. Put your thumbs inside the triangle.

Team B

Team A

6. Open it out into a diamond shape.

Team B

Team A

7. Fold the bottom half up on each side, so you have a triangle shape.

Team B

Team A

8. Put your thumbs inside and open it out.

Team B

Team A

9. Pull the outer corners of the triangles out to make the boat.

Team B