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Try Different Kinds Of Fairtrade Products. Talk About The Benefits Of Fairtrade In The World

Help The Farmers To Feed & Shelter Their Families Game®

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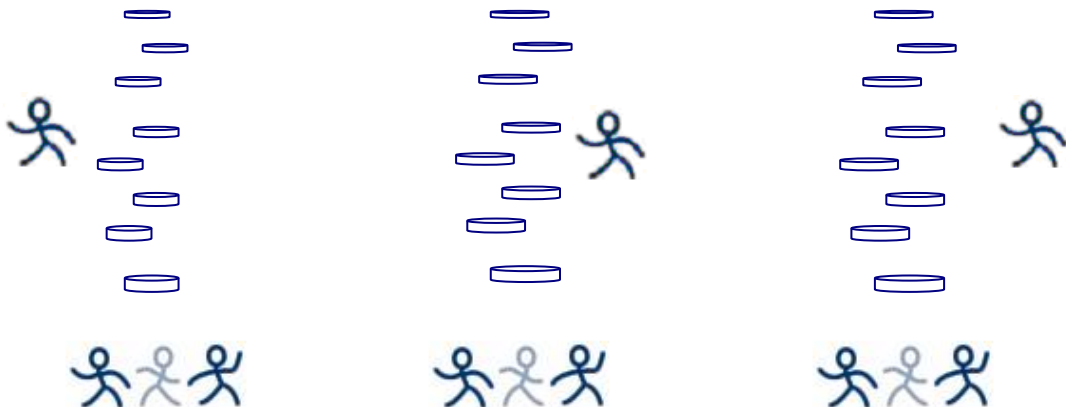
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Overview

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. The kids will play a game to help them become familiar with what fairtrade products are available and where to buy them.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Print out the Fairtrade cards found in the document named “02B-FairTrade Cards” – You will be splitting your group into teams of 5 and each team will need a set of cards (keep each set of cards separate) - the team size isn’t critical however you really need at least 3 in each
2. Set out enough lines of mats or newspaper if you don’t have mats, basically you need a set of stepping stones for each group. Your room should look something like the diagram below. Have about 12 stepping stones for each team
3. Set out something after the last mat for the children to land on as the farmer. A big box for a shelter would be fun



Leader Speak

For the next task in our Global Issues badge we need to look at the different kinds of Fairtrade products you can buy in this country to help poor farmers in poorer countries.

FairTrade is about better prices, decent working conditions for farmers and workers in the developing world.

To help us understand what types of Fairtrade products you can buy in this country we are going to play a game called ‘Help the Farmers to Feed & Shelter Their Families[©]’.

Before we do this let’s take a closer look at what Fairtrade means.

Fairtrade is about paying poor producers a fair price, and helping them to gain the necessary skills and knowledge to develop their businesses and work their way out of poverty.

The way we can help this cause is to buy Fairtrade products...

...By buying these products they provide a guarantee that producers receive a price that covers the cost of making or growing their goods and extra money for them to invest in other projects such as building schools, clinics, creating clean water, building roads.

A fair price for their goods is also one that allows the farmers to feed and shelter their families, send their children to school and buy the medicines they need and so on.

The object of the game we are going to play now is for you to get your entire team to the farmer before he runs out of food for his family. Along the way you will be able to learn about what Fairtrade products are available for you and your family to buy.

Directions/Leader Speak

IMPORTANT: Complete round 1 before they can play round 2.

1. **Direction** - Split your group into their teams. Each team needs a spokesperson
2. **Direction** - Get each team to stand behind the first mat or whatever stepping stone you are using
3. **Direction** - Get the spokesperson for the team to stand roughly halfway up the line of stepping stones (this should be one of the older children or if you have enough leaders you can assign a leader to each team)
4. **Action** - Now have a good shuffle of the cards and give a set to each spokesperson
5. **Speak** – Your spokesperson is going to read out a card
6. **Action** - The spokesperson for each team reads out the first card in full to the team - The first person in the team follows the directions on what to do from the card, for example,



7. **Action** - Then the spokesperson reads out the second card in full to the team - The second person in the team follows the directions on what to do from the card and SO ON until all the team reach the end
8. **Direction** - If the spokesperson runs out of cards get them to start from the bottom again. Reiterate that they must read the card in full this will allow the children to digest the information and learn about where they can buy Fairtrade products
9. **Direction** - The first team to reach their shelter are the winners.