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A FUN AND TIMELY WAY FOR
TEENS IN SOCIAL SKILLS
CLASS TO DEMONSTRATE
MASTERY OF CONCEPTS



E2E ESCAPE ROOM FINAL EXAM



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E2E Interpersonal Skills Escape Room Final Exam

Jenny and I wanted to create a year-end final exam that truly served as a culmination of the social skills we taught over the course of the entire school year. A pencil and paper self-reflection like I've used in the past (https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3da_KPoLQFOYmxvY0JkY2JYZlk/view) is a powerful tool...but we wanted to watch our students PRACTICE what they'd learned in addition to reflecting upon it. Thus, the idea of creating a social skills escape room was born as a hands-on complement to the written final exam.

Students were assessed using the E2E Teamwork Rubric (<http://enraged2engaged.com/wp/documents/2017/05/e2e-teamwork-rubric.pdf>)

An escape room is fun, timely, and presents a number of challenges for students that are frequent antecedents to emotional dysregulation: working with others, intellectual challenge, frustration, time constraints, and disagreements. Students get to put their money where their mouths are--truly showing what they've learned about communication and working with others.

While this lesson, like many of my lessons, is specific to my own classroom, with some adjustments and customization, it could be used in your classroom successfully. So, get some ideas, make some adjustments, and prepare to give a final exam that the kids will remember for years to come!

Cost: Approximately \$15 (perhaps less if you can borrow items or bring items from home to use)

Preparation Time: Plan on approximately 1 hour to customize the game and prepare the clues

Supplies Used for My Escape Room (Yours May Vary)

- Letter-sized envelopes (20, so you'll have some extras when you make errors)
- 2 blank jigsaw puzzles
- Masking tape (for putting up and hiding clues)
- Key to the classroom game cabinet
- Notecards
- Black Sharpie
- Toolbox or similar box that can be padlocked
- Combination padlock
- Scrabble tiles to spell out "TUBS"
- Prepared wordsearch
- Prepared math problem
- Calculator
- Piece of notebook paper
- Piece of crayon
- Blacklight marker
- Blacklight flashlight
- USB drive
- Key or keys

Preparation Instructions

Use the chart below (create one like it for your own, customized clues using the blank template at the end of the document) to plan out your Escape Room. I made a chart to help myself keep track of each of the clues, where to place them, where the clue would lead me, and where I'd go next. I highly advise making a copy to have on hand of your finished clue chart. That way, if something goes wrong (a clue is lost...a clue is damaged...you've made a mistake), you can just feed the group the next clue and keep going; it's a good safety net!

SAMPLE CLUE CHART FROM SARA'S AND JENNY'S FINAL EXAM

Clue	Place This Clue...	Where This Clue Will Lead You...	Next Location
<p>A note that reads:</p> <p>Whatever the day, Whenever the bell, Look at these posters-- Your schedule they tell.</p>	Ms. Dziadosz's pocket	The posters at the front of the room that provide the daily bell schedule.	John Doe's desk
<p>A jigsaw puzzle with the following clue written on it (break apart the puzzle pieces and put them in the envelope):</p> <p>Go to John Doe's desk. Look carefully for your next clue...the location of the clue may not be immediately visible.</p>	The posters at the front of the room that provide the daily bell schedule.	John Doe's desk	Game cabinet
A key to the classroom's game cabinet, placed in an envelope.	John Doe's desk	Game cabinet	Laptop cart
<p>A note that reads:</p> <p>"What surges with power, but never budges? Has wheels, but rarely moves?"</p>	Game cabinet	Laptop cart	Lockbox on table next to the phone
<p>A jigsaw puzzle with the following clue written on it (break apart the puzzle pieces and put them in the envelope):</p> <p>"Find the padlocked box. Dial the right combination. Don't let time run out!"</p>	Laptop Cart	Lockbox with padlock sitting on the table next to the classroom phone.	Refrigerator
<p>A note that reads:</p> <p>"The coldest spot in the room."</p>	Lockbox with padlock sitting on the table next to the classroom phone	The refrigerator	Work Tubs
An envelope with Scrabble tiles that spell out "TUBS"	The refrigerator	Under the work tubs on the countertop	Calculator Caddy
<p>Wordsearch with the following words: calculator, caddy, yellow, shelf, supplies</p> <p>***Here's the PDF of the one I created for my class with the words above. Don't</p>	Under the work tubs on the countertop	Calculator Caddy	Whiteboard

<p>forget to cut off the clues at the bottom, or it'll be too easy and they won't have to do the wordsearch to get the clue!</p> <p>AND</p> <p>A note that reads:</p> <p>"Find words in the wordsearch that will give you hints about your next location."</p>			
<p>A note that reads:</p> <p>"Solve this Algebra problem. The solution will be your next clue!</p> <p>$-920725 = x + 4271292$"</p> <p>***Math Problem with 5,192,017 as the answer. 5/19/2017 was the date of our final exam; you'd have to create a similar math problem for your class that matched the date for your exam/the date you completed the activity.</p>	<p>Calculator caddy</p>	<p>Whiteboard</p>	<p>Recycle bin</p>
<p>A piece of notebook paper imprinted with the word "recycle" on it. The word must be revealed by rubbing with a black crayon.</p>	<p>Whiteboard</p>	<p>Recycle bin</p>	<p>Wonder Woman poster</p>
<p>Hand-held blacklight</p> <p>AND</p> <p>A note that reads:</p> <p>"No Time for Naughty!"</p> <p>***I wrote on a Wonder Woman poster with the invisible blacklight ink. My poster depicts Wonder Woman saying "No Time for Naughty!" and is a classroom favorite.</p>	<p>Recycle bin</p>	<p>Wonder Woman poster</p>	<p>Pencil cup</p>
<p>Hidden ink message on the poster:</p> <p>There's no excuse for not</p>	<p>Wonder Woman poster</p>	<p>Pencil cup</p>	<p>Clock</p>

having a pencil in this room.			
<p>A note that reads: Open the file on this USB drive for hints about the location of the next clue.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>A USB drive with the next clue typed in a document: What has a face but never smiles? What has hands but never waves? What can fly but has no wings?</p>	Pencil cup	Clock	Liz Climo desk calendar
<p>Small note tucked behind the clock (just barely sticking out) that reads:</p> <p>“Look at Ms. Myers’s favorite comic relief as she counts down the days until summer.”</p>	Clock	Liz Climo desk calendar	Ms. Dziadosz
<p>A note that reads:</p> <p>“All you have to do to get the key that will unlock the room is to ask Ms. Dziadosz for it. Apply everything you have learned this year about appropriate social skills, or the key will never be yours!”</p>	Liz Climo desk calendar	Ms. Dziadosz	NA
<p>THE KEY!!!</p> <p>***I bought a bunch of “dummy” keys on Amazon so that each student could keep one as a keepsake/ take-home item</p>	Ms. Dziadosz	NA	NA

