

SCOUTS YLT

Diplomacy Fishbowl

The Adventure:

Diplomacy is an effective way of resolving conflicts without relying on a decision prescribed by an authority. It works by having a trained expert (or team of experts) help others in conflict come to a solution that everyone is happy with.

As individuals, write some brief scenarios of current event conflicts. Your scenarios should include a roles for at least two parties, though you may have more. Be creative when writing your scenarios; they may be based on conflicts between provinces or countries, or they may be based on conflict between families or individuals.

Come together as a large group. Put your scenarios in a hat and take turns drawing them out. Find out how many roles there are in the scenario, then pick enough volunteers from the group to fill the roles. Take a minute or two to discuss the scenario you're given, then get in character to present your scenario to the group. Those presenting the scenario should sit in chairs, and the rest of the group should sit in a circle around them. After the conflict has been presented, the group can ask questions of the actors and try to facilitate a solution to the problem.

Online Resources:

The Art of Diplomacy

Safety Note:

- How safe is the area you will use as a stage? What hazards can you identify, and what can you do about them?
- How can you ensure that your scenarios will not offend anyone taking part?

Leadership Conflict Resolution



Plan:

- How many scenarios will each Rover write for the group? How much time will you allow to write scenarios? What real-life current events can you draw upon?
- What steps need to be followed for effective diplomacy?
- What rules will you have in place for your negotiations?
- How much time will you give to discuss the scenarios your team is given before presenting to the group?
- What roles will everyone play? How will you decide?
- How much time will you allow for negotiations to take place? How will you know when to stop?

Do:

- Write challenging scenarios for the group based on current events. There may not yet solution to the conflict you write about, but you may read an editorial or two that suggest possible ways of resolving the problem.
- Discuss the scenarios your team is given and how the participants will behave. What are your motivations?
- Present your conflict to the group and take part in a discussion while remaining in character.

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How did you feel before, during and after this adventure?
- What did you like or not like about the solutions the group suggested for the scenarios you wrote?
- How did it feel to be in the middle of the fishbowl? What did you discover from this experience?