

# Totem

Stepping Stones	: Teambuilding & Empowerment; Storytelling

Materials : incl. materials

Type of exercise : oral

Duration exercise : 15 min.

# Objectives

- The learner can ask and give information.
- The learner can use his creative skills to formulate an answer.

# Materials

Two chairs

### Instructions

- Put two chairs in a row facing the audience.
- A first learner stands on the last chair, a second sits on the first chair and a third sits on the floor in front of the chairs. Together they form the Totem, who holds the answer to all questions.
- Let the other learners ask the Totem whatever they want.
- The Totem answers the questions word by word: each member of the Totem says one word, starting by the one sitting on the floor.
- The Totem decides when an answer is complete.
- Repeat this exercise with different totems, so that everybody participates in a totem.

# Tips for the instructor

This exercise is less suitable for beginners.

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Language skills / Linguistic performance

- Listening
- Speaking

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Linguistic competence/knowledge

- Vocabulary
- Sentence construction

Social-emotional skills and competences

- Communication skills
- Fun
- Imagination, creativity and learning to learn

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