

Symbol relay

Preparation

Photocopy / print pages 2 & 3 back to back on stiff card. Cut out each of the symbols and stick them onto a wall / window / board.

Description

With the group outline the most common symbols that may be found on a school orienteering map. A suggestion is to get the group to list the most common features to be found in a school yard. Write these on a flip chart and then draw the symbol next to each word listed.

Once the group appear to be familiar with the symbols, break the group into relay teams, a minimum of 2 teams. Pin the symbol sheets and their descriptions on a wall or board. If the groups are fit ensure that they have to run at least 30m to the board / wall. Tell each group what their first symbol is, e.g Marsh. The first member of the team runs up and picks out this symbol. They then run back to the team with the symbol. On the back of the symbol is written the name of the next symbol they have to get. This continues till they have picked off all of the symbols. If they do it incorrectly they will have symbols left.

They can then work back and identify where the error occurred.

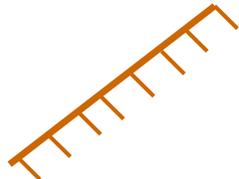
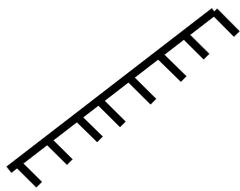
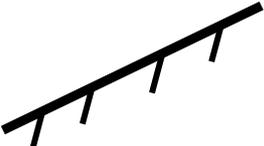
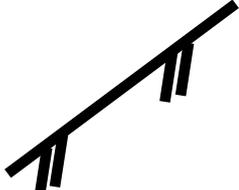
Hints:

- Stand in the centre and get them to run 'through you' to verify they have the correct symbol, if they don't you can send them back to the board, to pick the correct symbol.
- If you have open space they may hurdle small objects or climb through or over obstacle also

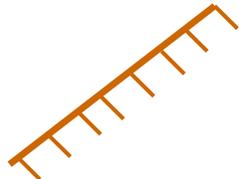
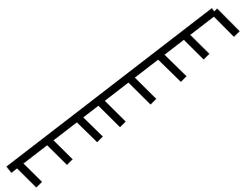
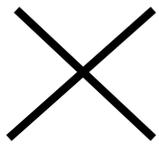
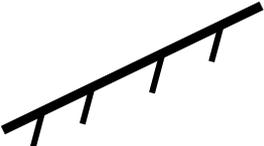
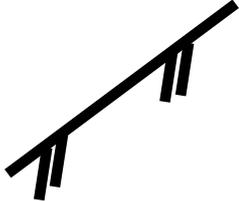
Resources required:

Card with symbol names (one per team, page 5 of this resource)

Print outs of the symbols and their names (pages 3 & 4 of this resource)

<i>Cliff</i>	<i>Distinct Veg. Feature</i>
<i>Stone Wall</i>	<i>Marsh</i>
<i>Stream</i>	<i>Pond</i>
<i>Earth Wall</i>	<i>Fence</i>
<i>High Fence</i>	<i>Pit</i>
<i>Man Made Feature</i>	<i>Knoll</i>
<i>Earth Bank</i>	<i>Play Equipment</i>
<i>Boulder Field</i>	<i>Boulder</i>

Earth Wall	Man made Feature
Fence	Distinct Veg Feature
High Fence	Earth Bank
Stone Wall	Marsh
Knoll	Pit
Boulder Field	Cliff
Boulder	Pond
Play Equipment	Stream