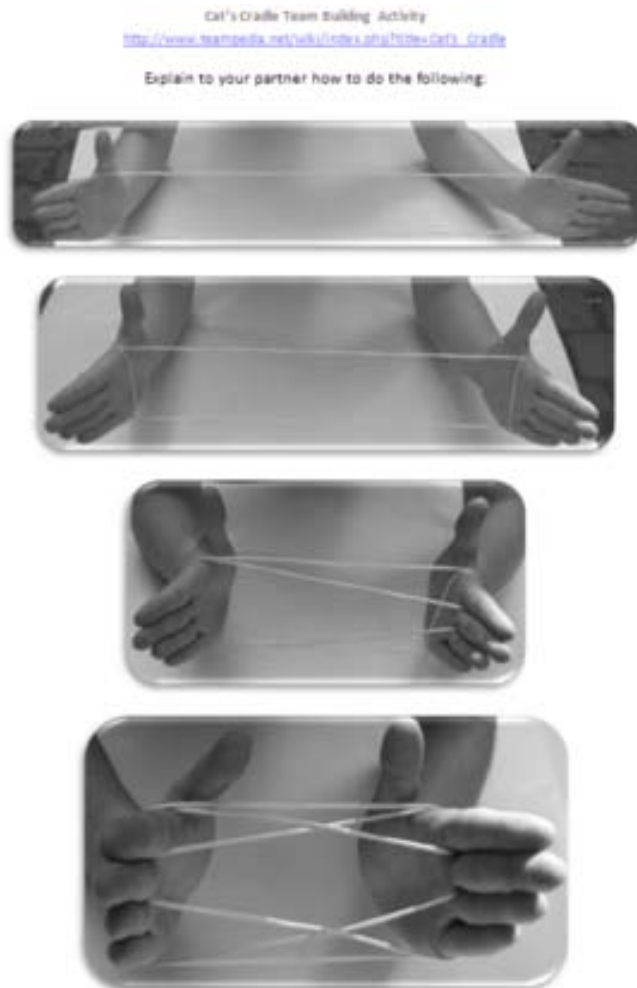


# Bilingual Cat's Cradle



## Objectives

Practice giving and following directions. Work on clear and concise communication.

## Materials:

A string or thin rope, for each person, 2 meters long with the ends tied together.

## Directions

1. Find a partner, preferably someone you do not know well. Sit back to back. One person has this handout with images of cat's cradle (at left) and the other person the string. The partner with the handout should do their best to explain step-by-step in **Japanese** how to make the string into the image, but can't turn around and look at the other person's hands to actually see what they are doing.
2. Do the same activity again. This time the other partner explains in **English** how to make the string into the image.

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## Debrief

What was difficult about this task? What worked well? How is this like other times you are giving or receiving directions? How is this different? What was the difference when you gave the instructions in Japanese? English? How did the direction giving change? Did you each understand the directions of the other? (Adapted from [http://www.teampedia.net/wiki/index.php?title=Cat%27s\\_Cradle](http://www.teampedia.net/wiki/index.php?title=Cat%27s_Cradle) )