

The Sea Cadets



Practical Leadership Tasks

“Walk the Plank”

Prior Training Required:

No prior training is required to participate in this task.

Equipment Required:

- 9 Tyres
- 1 Plank
- 1 Rope
- 1 Object

Personnel List:

Team (4 – 6 Cadets)
Supervisors (if available)

Instructions for Organiser:

Lay the tyres in two rows in a 'zig-zag' pattern, such that the distance between tyres is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the plank. Place the objective at the other end of the tyres. Lay the rope at the entry point to the minefield to indicate where the team can and cannot walk. Lay the plank in the area where the team can walk.

Model Solution:

Each tyre is used as a pivot by standing on the plank such that one end of the plank lifts. The plank can then be swung around to rest on the next tyre. The person standing on the tyre then goes to the other end and repeats the process to keep moving up the line to the objective, and then back again.

Points to Watch For:

- Stepping on tyres or the floor.
- Safety aspect or the plank potentially kicking up.

Further Notes:

There are no further notes.

Situation:

A vital piece of equipment has been lost at the other end of a minefield. This equipment must be recovered as soon as possible.

Mission:

Recover the equipment.

Execution:

You have 15 minutes from the end of this briefing to complete this task. You must recover the item from the other end of the minefield and get out of the minefield. The floor of the minefield cannot be trodden on as doing so would risk detonating a mine, killing anyone in the minefield and alerting enemy forces to your location. There are several raised platforms in the minefield, but these look to be connected to an electricity supply which suggests that stepping on them will electrocute that team member. The only other equipment in the area appears to be a wooden plank.

Any Questions?

Check Understanding:

How long do you have to complete the task?

15 Minuets

Why can't you step on the raised platforms?

Because they are connected to an electricity supply.

What is your objective?

Recover the equipment at the other end of the minefield.