



Make a Machine

This activity can be done in small or large groups. It can even be done by a whole class. The group start with an object they want to create. It could be anything like a toy, table, ice cream, pizza, ice...use your imagination!

The idea is that every group member is part of the machine. To start the group stand in a line. Someone announces what you are making. For example, 'Today we will make crushed ice.'

- The first person in the line then begins the machine. They may pretend to turn a tap on.
- The next person sees what the first does then continues the machine. They may pretend to place a large bowl under the tap and then pass it to the third person.
- The third person may be a 'shaker' who shakes the water to make it cleaner.

This continues down the line with each person making up their own part in the machine and acting it out. The second last person may have a huge hammer and crush the ice and the last person needs to finish with the final product, crushed ice. Use your imagination when making your machine part and remember that your machine must run smoothly. The first person can't turn the tap on until the second person has their bowl underneath. Likewise the third person can't shake the water until they have it from the second.

Brainstorm some things that it would be fun to make as a machine -

Now have a go at making a machine!

