TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Lesson 2: Work Together, Share Together

Time: One class period

Materials: Working Together Student Worksheet B, scissors, and colored pencils

Essential Question: What is a pair and how do they work together?

Directions:

WHAT IF?

1. Engage students in a discussion of items that work well together. Ask: Have you ever noticed that some things seem to go together? Or that something works better when a second object is combined with the first object? What do you think would make a good pair with the whiteboard? (marker, eraser, magnets, etc.) Why do you think these things are a good match? (They help us use the whiteboard and then we can do even more with the whiteboard.) What could we do with the whiteboard when it is by itself? How about when we added a marker? Do you ever feel that you can do more when you work with someone else? Explain to students that when people work together, they put their thoughts and ideas together to finish the task or solve the problem.

THINK AND DRAW

- 2. Challenge students to come up with logical matches for the following items: paper (pencil, scissors, etc.), left shoe (right shoe, left sock, etc.), hard hat (safety vest, work boots, etc.), shovel (dirt, bucket, etc.), trash (garbage truck, trash can, etc.), and an empty tin can (recycling bin, recycling truck, etc.). Encourage students to come up with more than one possible match for each item and to explain their choices. Extend the discussion with additional items if desired.
- **3. Building** on the class discussion, give each student a copy of the *Working Together* Worksheet B and invite them to draw a match for each object pictured on the left side of the page. Once their drawings are complete, ask students to carefully cut out the six cards on the sheet and mix them up in a stack.
- **4. Working** in pairs, have students swap stacks of cards and match up the pairs created by the other student. Encourage students to talk about why each item belongs with its match.

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