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BEACHBALL BATTLESHIPS

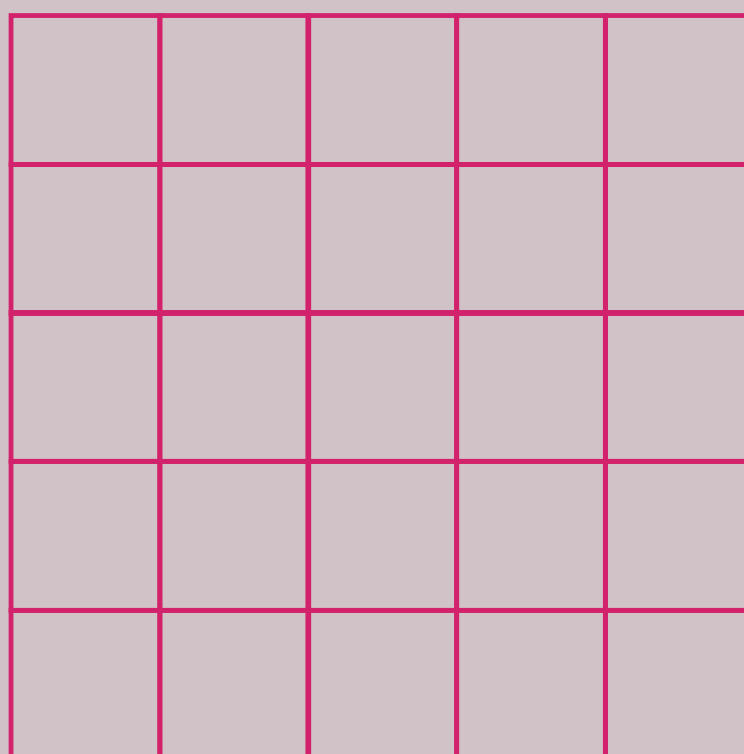
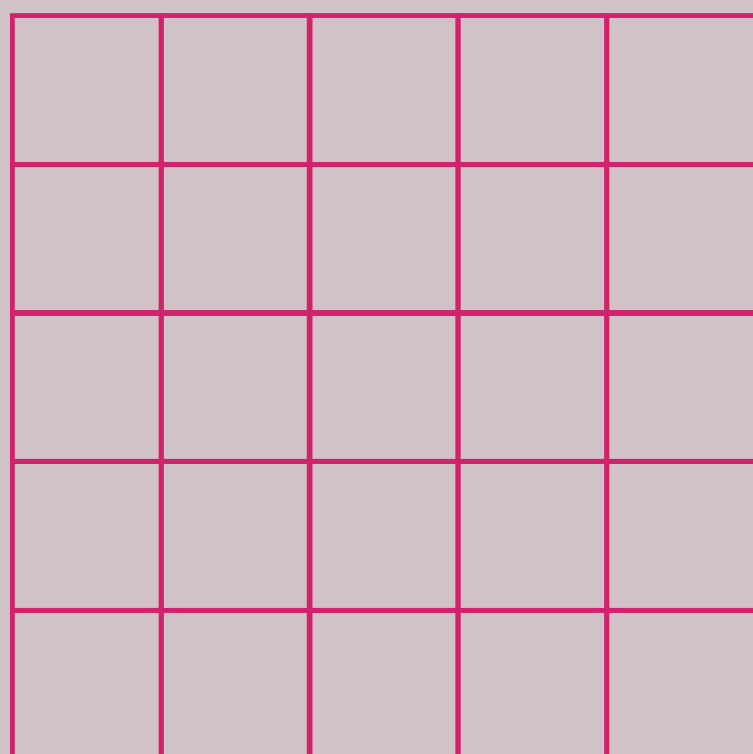
Aim: To play a giant game of battleships, encourage hand/eye coordination, improve communication skills, and develop teamwork!

Time Needed to Play: 20 - 30 minutes

Setup: Create 2 grids with the ribbon and pegs (one for each team with a gap in between) that means that young people will be in their own 2m square to start with.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Beachball
- Ribbon and pegs (tent pegs would be ideal) to make a socially distant grid.
- That's it!



Playing the Game: Explain to the young people that they are in two teams and that each of them is a battleship, part of a powerful fleet (feel free to ask them what type of boat they are, Submarine, aircraft carrier etc.) They must protect their area of the grid in a sort of game of tennis between the two grids (each square must be allocated to a team member even if a member of the team must cover multiple squares next to each other. If the beachball falls on the ground then the person responsible for that square is out and any squares that they were responsible for, must now be covered by another team member. This continues until all the members of one team are out.

One thing to note: A team member can hit the ball up and it can be hit by another member on their team (similar to volleyball).

An Extra Challenge! To make the activity more difficult the areas that each team member start with can be larger or a rule could be introduced that they can only use one hand to hit the ball. Potentially, the group could attempt to work together in silence.

Review: Go round in a socially distant circle and ask the young people "What was something we've learnt about ourselves or our team mates?"