

Spy Training

Visiting the exhibition

Purpose

To hone skills in observation, as well as collecting and prioritising information.

Age range (years)



Background

The Science of Spying exhibition takes the form of a mission, where students must infiltrate the shadowy OSTECK Corporation. The exhibition is very 'hands on' with lots to see and do. The tasks here help make sure students make the most of their time.

Steps

1. Explain to students that to succeed in their mission they must, like real spies, be diligent and complete many assignments.
2. Provide them with the checklist on page two, advising them to keep a tally of their activities as they progress through the exhibition. Tell them that in order to be given 'special agent' status they must complete at least five of the activities and collect a minimum of four pieces of the information listed on the sheet.

Spy training checklist

Use this chart to keep track of your training exercises as well as information you collect. Score 1 point for each task completed and each piece of information gathered.

Training location	Training exercise	Spy skills	Completed?
Spymaker Training Base	Stealing secrets	Investigating & analysing	
Spymaker Training Base	Spot the liar	Understanding & communicating	
Spymaker Training Base	What's revealed in rubbish?	Observing & recording	
Spymaker Training Base	Decode the hidden messages	Investigating & analysing	
Spymaker Training Base	Disguise yourself!	Inventing, making & testing	
Spymaker Technology Centre/Spymaker Gadget Store	Listening in	Observing, listening & recording	
Spymaker Technology Centre/Spymaker Supercomputer	Be an online spy	Critical thinking	
OSTECK HQ	OSTECK security clearance	Critical thinking	
OSTECK HQ	Intelligent CCTV observation station	Critical thinking	
OSTECK HQ	OSTECK intercom	Understanding & communicating	
OSTECK HQ	Spymaker observation station	Observing, listening & recording	
OSTECK Future Lab	Future products	Observing, listening & recording	
OSTECK Loading Bay	Escape	Inventing, making & testing	

Data Collection

How observant are you? How many of these pieces of information did you find out?

Mr Grant's address	
The password to access the OSTECK network	
One of Mr Milton Grant's aliases	
What to use to stop spies with laser microphones listening to your conversations	
What the 'HTAT' in 'OSTECK's HTAT Project' stands for	
The antivirus release code	
The product in the Future Lab that could help you avoid being spotted by automatic face recognition systems	