Family Team Challenge

1 Read. What changes the cousins' plan?

Our cousins are building a cup tower on Sunday.
Ada is taller than Max, but he builds faster than her.
Jo is younger than both of them. She has a good idea:
"Let's build together!" Now everyone has a job.



Who suggests working together? _____ Underline the idea.

2 Read the practice results. Complete the comparisons.

Cousin	Age	Height	Time to stack 6 cups
Ada	12	148 cm	40 seconds
Max	11	142 cm	30 seconds
Jo	10	139 cm	35 seconds

a. Jo is _____ than Ada, but she stacks the cups _____ than Ada.

b. Max is _____ than Jo, but he is _____ than Ada.

3 Solve the sentence puzzle

Use every word once. Start with Max. Write the true comparison.

Jo | is | faster | than | Max | but | shorter | Ada | than

4 Choose jobs. Explain your decisions.

Jobs: carry the cups / build the base / add the top cups

Give each cousin one job. Compare two cousins to explain one choice.

5 Write the team's Sunday plan.

Write two connected sentences. Use We are … and one comparison.

Discuss · Who would you choose as your partner, and why?

Compare your choice with another cousin. Could a different choice work, too?

Lesson Ideas for “Family Team Challenge”

Prepare the challenge

Print the student page. Optional: bring six paper cups for a short demonstration. Explain that the table shows practice results for the same six-cup task. A shorter time means a faster performance. Model base and top by pointing to a cup tower.

Read for a change · 1

Jo suggests building together. Underline “Let’s build together!” Ask how this changes the plan. Accept that everyone now has a job. The four-line reading deliberately contrasts height, age, and speed without making age or height a measure of overall ability.

Compare the evidence · 2

a. younger; faster. b. taller; shorter. Accept “older; younger” for b too: both age and height comparisons fit and are supported by the table. Ask pupils to point to the numbers that prove their answers.

Check the sentence puzzle · 3

Max is faster than Jo but shorter than Ada. All nine word tokens are used once. Swapping the two names makes the height comparison false. The practice times are Max 30, Jo 35, and Ada 40 seconds.

Decide and write · 4–5

4. There is no single correct job allocation. Example: “Ada is adding the top cups because she is taller than Max.” Accept other reasoned choices. 5. Example: “We are building a tower on Sunday. Ada is adding the top cups because she is taller than Max.” Check am/is/are + -ing and comparative + than.

Make the discussion grammatical

Ask: “Why choose Jo instead of Ada?” A possible answer is “Jo is faster than Ada.” Then ask whether speed is the only thing that matters. Support with “I choose ___ because ___ is ___ than ___.” Extend by changing one practice time and discussing whether the choice changes.