Girders and wrecking ball activity

This activity is to increase awareness of remaining on-topic in conversation. In implementation, it is just like the Conversation Chain activity, but uses different images.

Cut out the individual pieces.

While two participants are speaking together, place the girders in sequence as long as they stay on a shared topic.

Place a wrecking ball when someone introduces a new topic too abruptly.

At the link below, you can learn more about this activity and view a Youtube video I created that explains it more completely. You will also find downloadable images for you to share with others who wish to try this activity.


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