



Team Protocol: Small Teams

The Small Teams protocol challenges teams of 2-5 students to work together to complete a field investigation and record their observations on a *Vital Signs* datasheet. Effective communication among team members is critical for a smooth and efficient experience.

IN THE CLASSROOM

1. **Create small teams** of 2-5 students each.
2. **Walk through the *Vital Signs* sampling method and datasheet** as a whole class or in small teams. What types of data will we collect? How?
3. **Brainstorm** as a whole class ways that team members could work together or separately to complete their sampling and record their observations and data in an efficient way.
4. **Students decide** in their small teams how they will divide and conquer, or conquer together.

IN THE FIELD

1. **Students remind one another** of the approach they decided to use.
2. **Teams carry out their roles.** Complete datasheet in the field.
3. **Teams return equipment** they were responsible for.
4. **Reflect** on successes, challenges, and team communication.