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**HAVE FUN WHILE ADDRESSING
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Academic Achievement, Character Building, Cultural Diversity & FUN in Your Classroom

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will learn:

- 1. How to facilitate a highly participatory and fun activity that relates to all students and youth in our schools and communities that are becoming increasingly multicultural.**
- 2. How to use a new and fun activity in which students love to participate, for classroom management that has become a major educational concern, and for reducing violence in the classroom and in the schools.**
- 3. How to improve academic achievement for all students as this remains our main educational goal, by teaching with a tool that develops high concentration and focus.**
- 4. Ways to bring students and adults to work as a team using a character building and educational game which is designed to teach players respect and teamwork, collaboration and responsibility, promote tolerance and trust in a fun and very enjoyable environment.**

THE YAN-KOLOBA TEAM

The Yan-koloba team is not just a group of people. Even though they may come from diverse cultural background and present a wide range of physical, intellectual and social characteristics, they are all interdependent and work together towards a common predetermined goal.

WHAT IS YAN-KOLOBA?

Imagine a group activity that reaches across all cultural boundaries, fully delights and engages an unlimited number of participants, teaches them respect and teamwork, develops collaboration and responsibility, promotes acceptance and trust, and boosts their self-esteem and leadership skills in a fun, enjoyable and relaxed environment.

YAN-KOLOBA AND ITS ORIGIN

Yan-koloba is a team game whose roots reach back to Africa. In the typical African village, adults and children, females and males do not usually get to play games together. Yan-koloba is the only social game that gathers villagers of all ages, genders and physical abilities around the same circle, thus facilitating the building of a community. By playing this Game, people reinforce their concepts of respect for self and others. Yan-koloba means “*Take care*” or “*Watch out.*” Under its current usage, “Yan-koloba is a versatile and easy-to-use tool, and an opportunity to preserve a traditional folkloric game from Cameroon.”

Yan-koloba the Game is a revolutionary tool for teachers and trainers. It is a versatile game that helps build various social and professional skills.

Yan-koloba and Storytelling

Storytelling has always held a special place in the life of African communities. Stories entertain and mainly serve as a means to transmit societal values and customs.

They are used to educate children. Stories help people to identify who they are and where they and their culture came from. They are educational tools. Stories are usually told at sunset, so they do not interfere with the necessary labors of the daylight hours. Storytelling in traditional African cultures is an important part of the educational system. It is the time when children and adults gather around a burning fire under the village Baobab Tree to sing and exchange riddles and jokes. Storytelling is an event in which the audience actively participates with questions, comments and discussions. This reinforces the community’s solidarity and cohesion, as well as the relationship between the individual and the community.

Yan-koloba is used as teaching and learning activity: it helps create a high level of concentration, which is a prerequisite to memorization, and uses repetition of learning patterns, which is mother of retention.

Object of the Game

The purpose of the Game is to work together as a team to move the blocks rhythmically, simultaneously and continuously around the playing area.

The Game is developmental in the sense that it promotes in the players the ability to simultaneously coordinate and develop their visual, tactile, kinesthetic, oral, and auditory capabilities as well as their leadership skills. An unlimited number of teams can participate at the same time, with the same facilitator for all the teams. This setting can also serve as grounds for competition among teams. The winning teams will be those which will successfully complete numerous variations of the Game at different speeds, without its players failing to simultaneously, continuously and rhythmically pass the blocks to each other.

THE YAN-KOLOBA MINDSET

You made the right choice by joining the Yan-koloba team. Have fun, enjoy Yan-koloba and all the benefits that it offers. In order to get the most from other Yan-koloba participants, and offer the most that you can to others, and make your team successful, you need to develop the YAN-KOLBA MINDSET. Follow these instructions:

- 1. Have fun*
- 2. Be cooperative*
- 3. Trust your teammates*
- 4. Develop a sense of ownership*
- 5. Develop creativity and flexibility*
- 6. Offer support & share your experiences*
- 7. Be a problem-solver and adaptable to change*
- 8. Develop individual's highest level of responsibility*
- 9. Believe in and participate in building the community*
- 10. Understand the shared vision and the mission of the team.*

SKILLS YAN-KOLOBA DEVELOPS

- **18,000 Adult Participants**
- **12,000 Youth Participants**

Example: All the respondents (100%) agreed or strongly agreed that *Yan-koloba promotes teamwork* and the same number agreed or strongly agreed that *Yan-koloba is a fun and entertaining learning activity*.

SKILLS that Yan-koloba Develops	Respondents Who Rated the Statement a 4 and Above
1. Yan-koloba promotes TEAMWORK	100%
2. Yan-koloba is a FUN and ENTERTAINING activity	100%
3. Yan-koloba develops a high degree of CONCENTRATION/FOCUS/ATTENTION	97%
4. Yan-koloba develops RHYTHM and PHYSICAL COORDINATION	96%
5. Yan-koloba teaches CHARACTER and MORAL VALUES	96%
6. Yan-koloba promotes CULTURAL DIVERSITY	95%
7. Yan-koloba develops LEADERSHIP skills	95%
8. Yan-koloba develops MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES	94%
9. Yan-koloba develops RESPONSIBILITY	94%
10. 10. Yan-koloba develops CREATIVITY and PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS	93%
11. Yan-koloba builds RELATIONSHIPS	92%
12. Yan-koloba boosts players' SELF-ESTEEM	90%



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