



ACTIVITY

Try a Speaking Trumpet

Speaking trumpets were used to amplify the voices of officers so their commands could be heard above the noise. Show your students this speaking trumpet, and then make your own speaking trumpet (like a megaphone) out of oaktag or poster board. Use the trumpet to pass these messages, playing telephone on the playground or in the classroom. Students can also use the trumpet to speak sayings from the Salty Talk activity.



Speaking Trumpet

There were no radios or loud speakers on board USS *Constitution* in the War of 1812. Instead, speaking trumpets like this one were used to amplify sailors' voices. Officers could use them to communicate orders during battle, and when two ships encountered each other, captains would use them to have a conversation that carried across the sea.