

UNIT 3. COOPERATION



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Cooperation

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Cooperation is the process of groups of organisms working or acting together for common, mutual, or some underlying benefit,

As far as students are concerned, cooperation is one of the first things kids learn to do in kindergarten and preschool, and it's no surprise.

First of all, students can promote Cooperation in the Classroom for More Effective Results by following these basic rules. There are a number of techniques and exercises that you can use. Among the most popular are:



Six Main Skills of Dialogue

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- » 1. Think- Pair Share **It is one of the best known and most common exercises used.** Students have the opportunity to reflect on the question and then practice sharing and receiving possible solutions.

- 2. Interview **This is a great activity to use as [an ice-breaker](#) because by interviewing each other children learn about their fellow classmates and can share opinions,**

- 3. Jigsaw **This is great for problems that are more complex. Here, students become experts in one of many parts of a problem.**

The other skills

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- » 4. Peer Editing Students are paired up and assigned a task.
Peers give each other feedback during the completion of that activity

- 5. Note-Taking Pairs For any student, learning how to take notes is important.
The reason is that poor note-taking leads to poor performance.

- 6. Sequences Graphic organizers are powerful tools that make information meaningful and less complex. In exercises that involve sequences, students can provide a visual representation of a series of events or actions.

Important skills for cooperation

Let's start with the first set of slides

Important skills for cooperation

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Students have to work as a "team player" which is often a key part of business success, teaching children to cooperate and collaborate from an early age is very useful and important.

» They will learn to communicate which is essential in language learning interactions

It is also important to respect others and by learning to respect each other in order to work together. Children can acknowledge individual differences.

Important skills for cooperation

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- » They need to be challenged. Through teamwork, challenges are easier to deal with since they can rely on each other to find solutions.

Essential thing is to learn to work with all types of people and diversity is celebrated.

Students have the opportunity to reflect and this helps students to better understand other cultures and points of view.

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Collaboration and Cooperation

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Often cooperation and collaboration in learning is not easy to achieve. There are situations in which conflicts that arise obsticalize learning, particularly in situations where students must work together on a problem.

As a result, cooperative and collaborative learning require teaching kids to work well with others by resolving these inevitable conflicts.



Implementing Cooperative Learning

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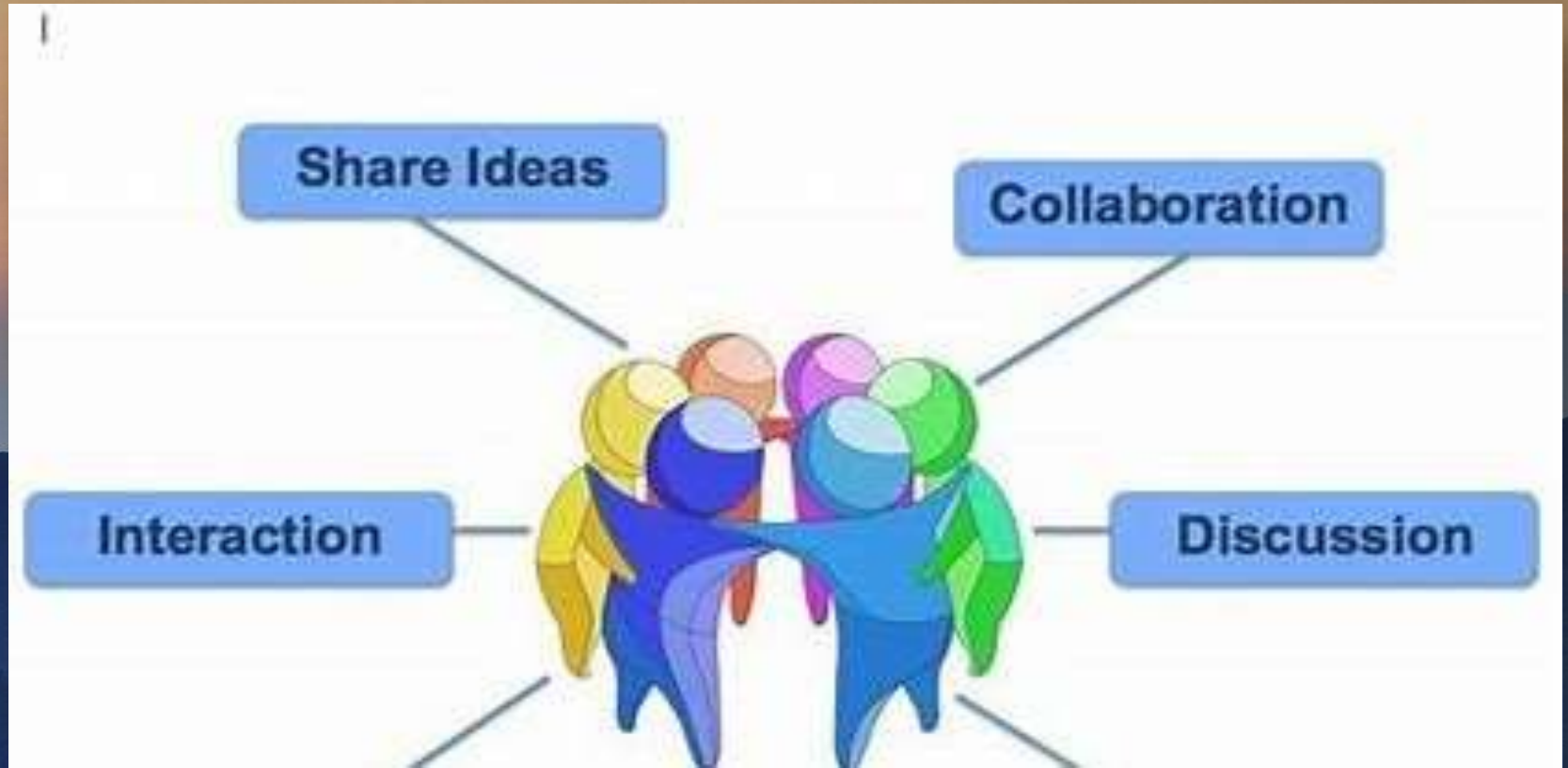
Cooperative learning is more than merely having students sit together, helping the others do their work.

A true cooperative learning experience requires that a number of criteria be met. They are :

- » Division of labor among students in the group
- » Face to face interaction between students
- » Assignment of specific roles and duties to students
- » Group processing of a task
- » Positive interdependence in which students all need to do their assigned duties in order for the task to be completed



- » *Individual accountability for completing one's own assigned duties*
- » *The development of social skills as a result of cooperative interaction*
- » *Provision of group rewards by the teacher*



Steps for setting up group learning experiences:

Before Implementation

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- 1. Develop a positive classroom environment. Devise ways for students to become acquainted early in the year.
- 2. Previous to organizing collaborative groups and assigning academic tasks, develop a cooperative climate and spirit in the classroom.
- 3. Consider upcoming academic tasks and determine the number of students who will be assigned to each group
- 4. Determine the academic and behaviour/ interpersonal objectives for the task.

Steps for setting up group learning experiences:

Before Implementation

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- 5. Plan the arrangement of the room for the upcoming group- oriented tasks. Arrange group seating so that students will be close enough to each other to share materials and ideas.
- 7. Prepare materials for distribution to the group. Indicate on the materials that students are to work together.
- 8. Determine roles for group members. In addition cooperating and brainstorming with others, each group member should be assigned a duty to perform during the project.

TEAM

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Implementation

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9. Explain what will occur. Explain the rules which include ;
10. Present and clearly explain the assignment that will probably take several class periods to complete.
11. Avoid the temptation to “lead” the groups.
12. Monitor and assist as needed. Move among the groups to assure that they are actively engaged in their roles and following designated procedures.
13. Evaluate each groups performance/ product

Benefits of Cooperative learning

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- » **How can cooperative learning benefit you and your group?**
- » Cooperative Learning helps to:
- » Raise achievement of students.
- » Build positive relationships among students - important for creating a learning community that values diversity.
- » Better attitudes toward teachers.
- » Better attitudes toward school.

- » Provide experiences that develop both good learning skills and social skills.
- » Research shows cooperative learning helps to produce:
 - » Higher achievement.
 - » Increased retention.
 - » More positive relationships and a wider circle of friends.
 - » Greater intrinsic motivation.
 - » Higher self-esteem.
 - » Greater social support.
 - » More on-task behavior.



Additional Benefits of Cooperative Learning

- Here are some additional benefits of cooperative learning.
- When students are working toward a common goal becomes an activity valued by peers.
- Students are motivated to help one another learn.
- Students are able to translate the teacher's language into "student language"
- Students who explain to one another strengthen their own learning.
- When students need to organize their thoughts they must engage in thinking
- Teammates can provide individual attention and assistance to one another.
- Regular and constructive collaborative study groups can assist you with mastery of material

Developing communication and cooperation between teachers and students can sometimes be difficult

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Have students pair-share about the highlights of their day.

- Ask students to write down “2 Truths and 1 Lie” about themselves
- Then read some at random and have peers predict who wrote it.
- Welcome each student into the classroom
- Do something playful, like asking for random facts or corny jokes.
- Ask them to write a brief, half-page summary about what’s going on in their life.



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Importance of Cooperation in the work place

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- Cooperation in the workplace can make the difference between success and failure for many businesses.
- Management and lower-level employees work together and try to keep arguments to a minimum.
- Workers are proactive in the sense that they try to prevent problems before they have a chance to occur.
- When everyone is working together, things can get done more quickly and efficiently.

Importance of Cooperation in the work place

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- When arguments and bickering prevail, workplaces are not enjoyable places to be
- As they toil away day-after-day, it is easy for workers to feel like cogs in a big machine, doing a job but having no real impact.

- **Reduction In Misunderstandings**

In workplaces that lack cooperation, workers commonly divide themselves into factions.

Summary

The benefits of positive communication and cooperation can be immense. It can help reduce conflicts and increase positive engagement by students. It can boost the learning of students and the professional growth of teachers.



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Any questions?



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