



Working in groups

Online Learning – Study Guide

Why is it good to study in a group?

Due to the intellectual and informal relationship, the group enables:

1. Learning interactions with a sense of equality to group members.
2. Each group member gets a chance to talk.
3. The interaction in the group enables more engagement with the material and increases motivation to study.
4. The group is a safe environment to raise questions/difficulties/ideas
5. When you teach others – you learn better
6. Talking to your friends may clarify the learning material.

How to create a good learning group?

1. The size of the group should be between 3-5 students.
2. Ensure all group members are dedicated to study
3. Ensure that the group has a "manager" for administrative issues such as when, where, and structures of the meeting etc.
4. Prepare the meeting for 1-3 hours. Shorter will cause pressure, longer will cause loss of focus.
5. Chose a comfortable place for the meeting – quiet, spacy with no distractions.
6. Prepare the meeting purpose: Review of lesson, Reading an article, preparation for next essay, exercises etc.
7. Plan the characteristics of the meeting: what each member should prepare for the next meeting
8. Plan the schedule of the meeting: planned breaks will avoid uneasiness of the group members during the meeting.

How do I know that leaning in groups is good for me?

Did I talk during the meeting? Did I ask questions? Did I explain?

At the end of a meeting, can I write what I know well and what I know less?

Was the meeting pleasant for me? Did I feel in place?

Do I feel more motivation to continue and study individually?