

Presentation of cooperative group work

Features

- Peer learning
- Delegation of authority

Values

- Helping one another
- Solidarity
- Equality
- Freedom
- Equity
- Democracy
- Openness towards others
- Right to be different

Components

- Group heterogeneity
- Experimentation with interpersonal and cognitive skills
- Positive inter-dependence
- Individual accountability
- Teacher's role as facilitator
- Feedback and debriefing after the learning task

DISTINCTION BETWEEN TEAM WORK AND COOPERATIVE GROUP WORK

Team	Cooperative Group
Framework with minimal structure	Structured framework with planned interactions
Possibility of unequal participation	Equal participation
Rare individual involvement	Well-planned and properly outlined individual accountability
Arbitrary social bond	Social bond through cooperation with positive inter-dependence
Spontaneous demonstration of skills	Experimentation with skills that are taught, observed and evaluated
Spontaneous group formation	Formation of heterogeneous groups
Common goal attained by working either alone or with others	Common goal attained by working together
Simple, complex, exact, open task	Preferred task: complex and open