

Teamwork

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Have you been part of a team at school? Teamwork is important in the workplace, too. The video "Teamwork" can help you understand the value of good teamwork skills.

What are your top teamwork skills?

Watch the video "Teamwork" at least once. Then read each statement below. Think carefully about each question before you answer it.

1. **The video explains "teamwork is so important in the workplace today." Working on teams can help you prepare for teamwork in a future career.**

What is a career that interests you? _____

How do you think teamwork might be important in this career?

2. **A speaker in the video shares that good teamwork requires being able to listen to someone who is not like you or who knows something you don't know.**

Do you agree that it's important to listen to opinions and ideas that are different from your own? Why do you think this?

3. In the video, listeners learn that team members must be able to solve conflicts, or disagreements, without hurt feelings.

Imagine working on a team science project. The team's topic is water pollution. Right away, the team has a problem:

- **Two team members think the team should focus only on the effect of oil spills on animal and plant life.**
- **The other two team members think the team should focus only on the safety of drinking water.**

What is the first step you would take to resolve this disagreement?

4. The video says that communication is the "crux" of teamwork. The word "crux" means "the most important point."

How would you explain this to your team? Complete the sentence. Make sure you don't leave any doubt as to just how important communication is to good teamwork!

Communication is _____

5. Communication is the way we express or exchange information, ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

How do you communicate when it comes to teamwork? Put an X in the box for each statement. Then complete the sentence at the end.

Teamwork Communication Skills	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree
I can explain my own opinions and ideas.			
I am comfortable giving suggestions.			
I am comfortable asking questions if I don't understand something.			
I listen to and respect others' ideas.			
If I disagree with someone, I am usually polite.			
One way I can improve my teamwork skills:			

6. Experts say that some problems are too difficult for one person to solve.

Imagine you're applying for a job with an organization that protects endangered species. The director stresses the importance in this job of working as a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team?

7. In many companies, knowing how to work as a team is important.

What is a team experience you've had? Describe it.

Which of the following teamwork skills are you most comfortable with? Number them in order from 1 to 5, with 1 being your strongest skill.

- ___ Listening
- ___ Resolving Conflict
- ___ Questioning
- ___ Respecting Differences
- ___ Persuading

8. The video compares teamwork to a pie: "We all have to take our little slice of the pie and bring it together to make the project work."

Draw a picture of a pie.

How do you think teamwork is like the slices of a pie? _____
