

Activity ➔ 65

Getting the most out of group work

STUDENT HANDOUT

Work through the following exercise during independent study ready for when we next meet. We will discuss your responses in class before you are assigned your group project. Take time to work through this exercise as it will help you to get the most out of group work as your course progresses.

1. What do you think is meant by the word 'compassion'?
2. What do you think is meant by the word 'encouragement'?
3. What do you think is meant by the word 'respect'?
4. What relevance do these words have to group work?
5. Find two relevant references that offer useful advice about working in groups. These can be books, websites, journal papers or blogs, for example. Provide a short summary of the references you have found and explain why they are useful.
6. Sum up, in one sentence, a tip or piece of advice that will help you and your peers to work effectively in groups.

Learning outcome: By the end of this activity you will have a deeper understanding of how to work effectively in groups and will feel confident about getting the most out of group work as your course progresses.