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Engaging Students in Cooperative Learning! By Grace Bertolini



Cooperative learning is a successful teaching strategy in which small teams, each with students of different levels of ability, use a variety of learning activities to improve their understanding of a subject. Each member of a team is responsible not only for learning what is taught but also for helping teammates learn, thus creating an atmosphere of achievement. Students work through the assignment until all group members successfully understand and complete it.

How Does the Teacher's Instruction Benefit from Cooperative Learning?

- Students have more opportunities to speak.
- Students tend to become better listeners because there is direct instruction.
- Instead of having one or two students answering questions or adding to a discussion, all of the students have the opportunity to speak about the subject matter.
- For students learning English, the input from a small group is more comprehensible than large group discussion.
- Students are able to practice communication in a less threatening environment.

How Do Students Benefit from Cooperative Learning?

Students work through the assignment until all group members successfully understand and complete it, resulting in participants striving for mutual benefit so that all group members gain from each other's efforts. (Your success benefits me and my success benefits you!). Students recognize that all group members share a common fate. (We all sink or swim together here!). Teens and tweens know that one and one's team members mutually cause one's performance. (We cannot do it without you!). Finally, students feel proud and jointly celebrate when a group member is recognized for achievement. (We all congratulate you on your accomplishment!)

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