

Collaboration Role-Playing Scenarios

Develop a plan to address one of the following situations that could arise during a collaborative project.

Irresponsible Team Member

You are working with a team composed of students from your classroom and from a classroom in a school in another country. Gina, one of the students in the other class hasn't been completing her work and it's affecting the progress of the whole project since some students can't do their work until they get her data.

Bossy Team Member

You are part of a classroom team that is working on a presentation to the city council. One of the group members has almost completely taken over the project. He has made arrangements with outside resources without consulting the rest of the group, completed tasks on his own that were to be group efforts, and rejected the ideas presented by other group members.

Reluctant Team Member

Your group is composed of students from different classes in your school, so you do a lot of communicating online, as well as meeting with each other outside of the school day. One of the students in your group is very shy. She attends all the face-to-face and online group meetings but only participates if she's asked a direct question, and then answers only in one- or two-word responses.

Big Ideas Team Member

Connie is an enthusiastic group member, but she can't ever seem to settle down to a concrete task. She's always coming up with new ideas that ask everyone to start over, instead of working on fleshing out the ideas the group has decided on.

Rude Team Member

Three students in your class are working on a project with three students in another school in your town. You have set up a wiki where you can plan and discuss your ideas on the project. One of the group members is very rude with his comments in respond to the ideas that people contribute. He makes sarcastic and overly critical comments to everyone, so that people have quit using the wiki and very little communication is going on between the schools.

Oil-and-Water Group Members

Two people in your group just do not get along at all. If one of them says it's day, the other one says it's night. Whatever one of them suggests, the other one hates. It makes no difference what the topic or idea is.

Busy Mentor

Your teacher found you a mentor to help you with your writing project. The mentor is an author who has published several children's books, and she has agreed to give you feedback on your work. Unfortunately, after your first e-mail exchange, you haven't been able to get her to respond to any of your questions or to give you her ideas about your work.