

HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about...

Teamwork

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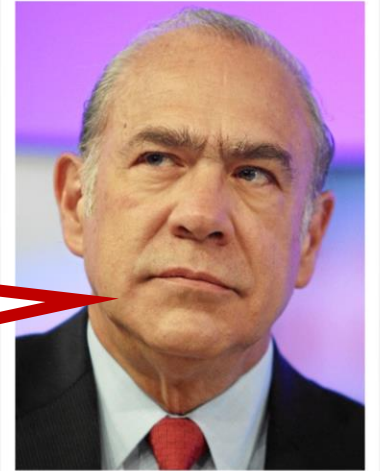
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Quotes about teamwork ('collaboration')

How did we cure polio, smallpox and send a man to the moon? Collaboration. Focus on a specific goal, and teamwork.

Margaret Cuomo
radiologist

It takes collaboration across a community to develop better skills for better lives.



Jose Angel Gurría
Secretary-General OECD

The environmental challenge is so big that no single agency can handle it. It needs collaboration among all the stakeholders – companies, governments, NGOs and the public.



Ma Jun
environmentalist

Thinking about teamwork

Caring thinking

How important is it for teams to agree a common purpose?

Collaborative thinking

What attitudes are needed if people are to think, talk and work constructively together?



Creative thinking

What enables a team to be creative and what can hinder them?

Critical thinking

What is a 'critical friend', and how could you be one?

Who might need my help and support today?

Whose help and support have I most appreciated recently?

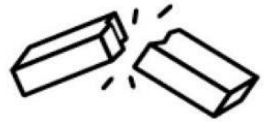
How many sorts of connection come into collaboration?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

CONNECT



DIVIDE

LISTEN/LOOK

ZOOM (in/out)

Are teamwork and collaboration the same?

How do good sports teams rely upon good listening and good looking?

What qualities do team leaders need?

What collaborations enable you to be fed?

Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/gR34PJOI3K8>

Street Garden Cooperation

Note to adults: You may want to explain to children before the video that 'cooperation' means 'working together' – even though the song does make that clear!

Talking Points

- Why did the puppets in the film want to make a garden 'for me and for you'? Would you join them if you lived where they do?
- What different things have to be done to make a garden or a park clean and beautiful?
- What other things can people in a street do to help each other have better lives?

Activities

- If your family has a garden of its own, find out what you can do to help with it. If you do not, ask to go to your nearest park, and think of all the things people have done to keep it nice.
- Draw what you think the Sesame Street garden looked like before, and then after, the song.

Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/RuQjYzP9PMo>

Excellent teamwork

A team of 20 takes just three seconds to change four tyres.

Talking Points

- Why have these people spent their time perfecting this job?
- When have you practised, or seen others practise, some teamwork? How well did you collaborate (work together)?
- Are some people better at teamwork than others? Can you get better at collaborating?
- What lessons did the video have for you?

Activity

1. Think of something that would be good to make or do with your friends.
2. Plan how you are going to persuade them to do it.
3. Agree with them who is going to do what.
4. Do it!
5. Have a meeting to decide what went well, and who should be praised for what.
6. Agree on what you have learnt about teamwork.

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/Ek2fkneLcjM>

Geese and teamwork

Five aspects of how geese work together: productivity, shared leadership, common goal, communication and empathy.

Talking Points

- Can you think of examples of how working with each other produces or achieves more than if people worked by themselves?
- What does 'shared leadership' mean?
- What goals do you have in common in your family?
- Does language help or hinder communication?
- Do you think empathy is natural or taught?

Activity

1. Think of something worth doing with others – either because it could be fun, or because it would benefit one or more people.
2. Using social media, persuade others to join you, and shape a plan together.
3. Do it!
4. Express your thanks to everyone for their collaboration.

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