

Collocations: Teamwork

Intermediate (B1-B2)



WARM-UP DISCUSSION

Discuss these short, real-life scenarios.

1. A group project where one person did all the work.
2. A sports team where everyone wanted to be captain.
3. A family planning a holiday that turned into an argument.
4. A successful team you admire (sports, work, or community).

Discuss:

- What do you enjoy most about working in a team?
- What makes it stressful?
- Do you prefer leading, supporting, or working alone?



VOCABULARY

Part 1. Match each collocation to its meaning.

Work as a team	Share responsibilities	Build trust	Support each other
Make a contribution	Resolve conflicts	Achieve a common goal	Value different opinions

1. _____ Rely on and help each other in a group
2. _____ Solve disagreements peacefully
3. _____ Recognise and respect other people's ideas
4. _____ Take part in achieving something together
5. _____ Divide tasks so everyone helps
6. _____ Cooperate with others to reach a goal
7. _____ Develop confidence and reliability between people
8. _____ Reach success that everyone works towards

Part 2. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which of these do you think is hardest in a real team?
2. Which ones do you personally do well?



READING ACTIVITY

Part 1. Read the text and underline all the collocations you find.

Inside the Team

When our marketing team started a new project, it took time to build trust and share responsibilities. At first, everyone had their own ideas and nobody wanted to value different opinions.

Slowly, we learned to work as a team and support each other when deadlines got tough. Each person began to make a contribution, whether it was designing, writing, or presenting.

There were a few arguments, but we managed to resolve conflicts by talking openly and listening carefully. In the end, we achieved a common goal and finished the campaign successfully.

The best part wasn't just the result; it was seeing how much calmer and happier everyone felt when the pressure finally lifted.

Part 2. Answer the questions based on the text.

1. What problems did the team have at the beginning?
2. How did they learn to build trust and work as a team?
3. Which actions helped them resolve conflicts?
4. Which of these collocations best describes your own way of working?



SPEAKING

Part 1. Read each situation and discuss what you would say or do. Try to use at least one collocation in each response.

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1. A teammate is not doing their share of the work.
2. Two members of your group can't agree on an idea.
3. Someone in your team never listens to others.
4. You're working hard but don't feel appreciated.
5. Your team is behind schedule and everyone's feeling the pressure.

Part 2. Rank the following teamwork values from 1 (most important) to 8 (least important).

Communication	Trust	Organisation	Motivation
Leadership	Empathy	Shared goals	Flexibility

Discuss:

- Why did you choose your top three?
- Which values cause the most problems when missing?
- Can a team still succeed without perfect communication?

Part 3. Discuss the following questions.

1. What makes a team **build trust** quickly?
2. How can teams **resolve conflicts** without arguments?
3. What does it mean to **make a** real **contribution**?
4. How can a leader help a team **achieve a common goal**?
5. Why is it important to **value different opinions** in teamwork?

REFLECTION

Discuss the following questions.

1. Which collocation best describes you in a team?
2. What's something you've learnt about good teamwork from experience?
3. How can teamwork affect wellbeing and stress at work or school?

WRAP-UP TASK (OPTIONAL HOMEWORK)

Write about a team experience that taught you something.

Include at least five collocations from today's lesson.

You could include:

- What the goal was
- What went well or badly
- How people communicated
- What you learnt about teamwork

