

Team Building: How can a person work as part of a TEAM? (Part I)

Good Morning --- Teachers and Students, I hope you have recovered from the pressure of the 1st UT. It's nice to be able to talk to you through the PA system in the morning.

Every year in the months of November and December, we'll have several very important school events --- the Gospel Week, the Inter-class Music Competition, and the Sports Day. I always treasure watching you working together, studying together and playing together in the campus. It is a picture which reflects the energy, creativity and team spirit of a group of talented young people with initiative.

This morning I want to share with you my views on a very important skill you must learn in school --- teamwork.

Many educators believed that the ability to work with other people as a team is an essential trait one must possess in the modern world. Today's workplaces require people who know how to work in teams. Employers think that this is one of the most valuable skills that mark the difference between outstanding and less-able employees.

Human beings are social beings; they need to interact with people. I believe that every one of us has experienced, in one way or another, how it is to work in a group - from the childhood playgroups in kindergarten to working as part of top management in a large enterprise.

Unfortunately, not every group succeeds in its objectives or goals. Failure is very common when we meet a challenge. However, we always have a better chance to overcome difficulties or challenges if we have a good TEAM.

In a team, every single member should not work for his own advantage, but instead, they should work as a group towards the common goal of the

TEAM. Every single member may make contributions to the goal, and when these "small contributions" build up, success is not far away.

Do you still remember the feeling for being one of the team members in the class choir? As a member of the class choir, you experienced the hard work *(like memorising the lyrics), and the anxiety of singing before a large group of people. But, on the other hand, you must have also experienced the joy of performing, and the satisfaction and pride of being able to succeed in a competition. The amazing feeling of giving pleasure to the audience ---- you can see the smiles, hear the cheers and the applause, and receive the congratulations for a job well done.

Being part of a group for a purpose, like the choir or the House Cheering Team, makes one feel good. The feeling will be much stronger if you know that you have played an important role in helping the team achieve the goal, for example, winning the competition.

The difference between working in groups and in teams is that in a group everyone thinks by themselves, and in a team people must think for the same purpose. Teamwork is more than having a good relationship with co-workers across the organization.

To work as a team is not without problems and success never come easily. Every team member must be ready to contribute. One of the main barriers to good teamwork is the fear that some people have to work and share knowledge with colleagues. Not everyone has this ability to exchange knowledge, and some may fear that a colleague will take his or her place. Many people are afraid that others will outshine them.

Nowadays, social networks (like Facebook) also provide good chances for us to work as a team. But inside the social networks it is very common to find people who do not respect the opinions of others and think that they are better than everyone else and want to shine alone.

In short, it is better to work in teams; however, sometimes it is a little difficult, because dealing with many people with different personalities requires much patience. However, each individual can provide a kind of knowledge and add much value to the group, and the end result can be

wonderful, because when a person dreams alone it remains a dream, but when they dream as a team the dreams will come true.

On the next Day 6, I'll share with you a simple formula to build a good team.

Thanks for listening and wishing you a nice day.

Reference: [How to Work as a Team in College | eHow.com](#)

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