
FIVE BASIC ELEMENTS OF COOPERATIVE LEARNING

On the next page of this document is a checklist that teachers can use to assess the extent to which they have succeeded in incorporating five basic elements of cooperative learning into their teaching.

The checklist provides a brief description of each key element.

If you find any elements have been neglected, you may wish to give greater emphasis to these the next time you organise a cooperative learning activity.

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Check your lesson plan. To what extent have the key elements of cooperative learning been incorporated into you intended lesson? Give "+++" for very strong, "++" for strong, "+" for moderate and "-" for missing.

Basic Elements for Cooperative Learning	Strong	Weak
Positive Interdependence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the group feel connected to each other in the accomplishment of a common goal. 		
Individual Accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every member of the group is responsible to demonstrate accomplishment of the learning. 		
Rich Interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members are close to each other and engage in dialogue with each other. 		
Emphasis of Social Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention has been given to the development of the human interaction skills that enable groups to function: such as listening, giving help, encouraging, leadership, trust, etc. 		
Processing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members assess their co-operative efforts and target improvements. 		

