



Your Experiences With Teams

Silently think about all the experiences you've had working in groups or teams, such as sports teams, committees, group projects, etc. First, think about the problems or bad experiences you've had. *Roundtable*¹ this T-Chart for five minutes and list all the things that you don't like or you find to be unproductive when working in a team or group. Then, think about the positive experiences you've had working in teams or groups. *Roundtable* the T-Chart again for five minutes and list all the advantages of working with others.

Disadvantages	Advantages

Now, discuss what you can do to minimize the disadvantages and maximize the advantages of working together for the next eight weeks.

¹ Roundtable is a brainstorming strategy for teams. The team gets one piece of paper which goes around the table. Describe and write **one answer or idea** each time the paper comes to you. Then pass the paper to the next person, who will write one answer, etc. The paper continues around the table until the team is out of ideas or time is called. The purpose of this procedure is to make sure that all of you have an equal opportunity to contribute.