

Teamwork Detectives!

Metacognitive skill targeted:

It's like having a superpower that helps you figure out the best way to learn new things! Targeted metacognitive skills simply mean smartly thinking about how you operate so that learning becomes easier and more enjoyable.

When to use it?

Use this tool after you've finished working together with a classmate (e.g., an essay, educational project, solved math problem, science experiment, informational poster, presentation, school/class newspaper). It's the perfect time to reflect on how you did and what you can improve to make the next time even better!

What will you do?

You and your classmate will assess your cooperation and discuss how to value advice from others. The goal is for both of you to become masters of working in pairs!

What do you need?

- A completed collaborative task (e.g., an essay, science experiment, presentation).
- A printed or on-screen copy of the "Teamwork detectives!" worksheet.
- Writing materials (pen, pencil).

How to use it?

1. Work completed: You've finished your collaborative task.
2. Begin your detective investigation: Take turns asking and answering questions from the worksheet with "Yes" or "No."
3. Answer honestly: Reflect on your answer based on your collaborative work and how you feel.
4. Keep going: Your "Yes" or "No" answer will guide you to the next question. Follow the arrows on the card!
5. Reach a conclusion: At the end of each path, a conclusion (advice) will be provided.
6. Record your discoveries: Write down your answers, and then the conclusion and future plan in the designated space on the card.

About this template

This template is your guide to the world of good cooperation and wisely accepting advice.

- **Introduction:** Start by writing your name and the task's title. This will help you feel like it's your joint investigation.
- **Questions:** This is the "heart" of the template. Each question and "Yes" or "No" answer relates to a specific action you collaborated on.
 - ✓ Graphics help you better visualise the question and understand its meaning.
 - ✓ "Yes" or "No" answers direct you to following questions, teaching logical thinking and analysis.
 - ✓ Conclusions at the end of each path are short summaries or pieces of advice that will help you understand what went well and what could be improved for your next collaborative task.
- **Our conclusions:** Here, you'll write down the conclusions you reached (e.g., it's important to establish who is responsible for what before starting cooperation). This is a place to summarise the most important discoveries about your collaboration.
- **Our future plan:** This is the most important part! After considering what went well and what could be improved, write down 1-2 specific things you would do differently next time to make your cooperation even better!

Tips for Reuse / Continuation

Use this tool after every pair task. Regular use will help you:

- ✓ Become better at communication and cooperation.
- ✓ Learn to appreciate and effectively use advice from others.
- ✓ Develop self-reflection skills – meaning thinking about how you learn and work.
- ✓ Build stronger and more effective teams in the classroom.