

Types of Cooperative Learning

Informal Learning Groups

Formal Cooperative Groups

Cooperative Base Groups

characteristics

short-term
less structured
turn to your neighbor

stay together until the task is done
structure facilitates 5 critical elements
heterogeneous or homogeneous

long-term
peer support
heterogeneous

use

-in any class size
-focus attention prior to lecture - set
-to break up lecture - "reset," check for understanding, review what was said, summarize the main points

-review homework
-work through a problem together
-review for a test
-perform a lab experiment
-write a report
-do a project

-academic support - study for test, make sure all are achieving
-routine tasks - homework, attendance
-personal support - sympathetic listening, trust-building, cross-cultural relationship building