


Learning how to cooperate

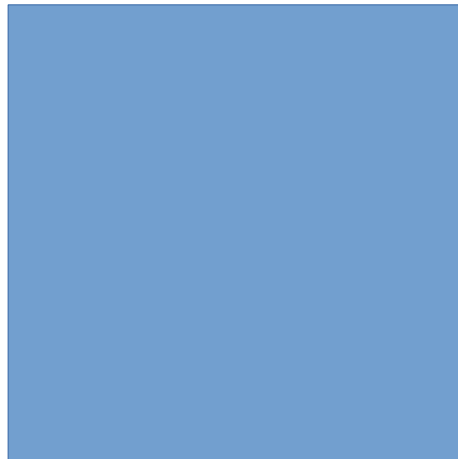
Work in groups of 5 people. Each member of the group has an envelope with pieces of a puzzle. With the pieces from the five envelopes five squares can be constructed. The activity is over when **each** member of the group has a complete square in front of him.

 Hint: these five puzzles should be constructed *cooperatively*.

Follow these simple rules:

- Don't open the envelope until you're instructed to do so.
- You **can't** talk to anybody nor with gestures.
- You **can't** take pieces from other member of the group.
- You **can** put useless pieces in the middle of the table.
- You **can** take pieces that are in the middle of the table.

Did you understand the rules? Wait for the signal and go on!



When finished, turn the page....

Group feedback:

Members of the group:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

When finished, discuss in your group these questions and write the answers:

1. How did you feel during the activity?
2. How did he/she feel the owner of envelope #3 and #4?
3. Who could construct a full square from the pieces of the envelope?
4. How did you solve the five puzzles?
5. Would it be easier for you to solve the puzzle if you could talk?
6. What did this activity teach you about the meaning of *cooperation*?

