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▷ Group Work II

Preparation and Group Formation

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| usage | <p>Groups can be built in many different ways:</p> <p>By interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants group according to their interest,• Participants group according to symbols, pictures or definitions,• Participants all have the same topic, but differentiate in different abilities to carry out tasks, <p>At random:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throwing dice with the same number being in the same group• Draw numbers or letters,• Draw cards• Draw puzzle pieces• Draw symbols• Give different colour symbols (sweets) in a basket <p>By sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exclusive group formation by sympathy makes sense for group topics that are the same for all (competing) groups. |
| materials needed | Dice, puzzle pieces, card decks, baskets etc. |
| comment | <p>Sometimes there's a lot of fun to turn group building into a game (with dice or cards). In adult education, especially in teachers' training, it is usually better to let the groups get together by finding out similar interests. Each way of group formation has its distinctive advantages:</p> <p>By interest formation in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structuring by content and• Promoting the work motivation <p>At random in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starting group work without taking much time• Structuring groups heterogeneously,• Getting-to-know-effect among participants,• Preventing "hurt feelings" <p>By sympathy in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating good work atmosphere |