

Successful Groups

We first had a simulation where we were stranded in the desert. We had to list items from the most important to the least. This activity though was based on our own skills and our own opinions. The second activity was a scenario of a certain group stranded on an island, but the difference here is that we were given a crew list with their personalities. Both scenarios though were life or death decisions.

In the first scenario, we used our personal knowledge and ideas to discuss this. We established here that one of the main factors of a group is listening. By listening, we mean to practice active listening because everybody has different ideas, so allowing them to express their ideas can build a base for an answer. We also learned to be openminded and not to knock any ideas out immediately.

In the second scenario, we had a list of people, with their characteristics, and we had to see who would be a leader. In this instance, I learned that experience in the field and experience in motivation can persuade the whole group. People look for someone who can take charge, be fair, ethical, and people-oriented. We basically identified what we would all like to have in a group member.

Being in a group is a lot of work, but with the right mindset, we can all achieve our main goal and bring about success.