

Teaming Up

Objectives

- Demonstrate effective team-building skills

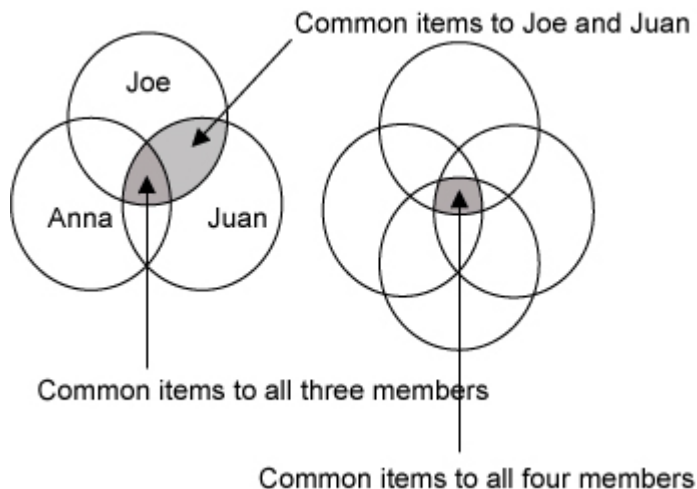
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1. You will be assigned to groups of three or four. Groups of three will draw the three-circle Venn diagram on paper provided by the instructor. Groups of four will draw the four-circle Venn diagram.

Each member of the group should use a different colored pencil/marker to write his/her name in one of the circles.

Find ten things you have in common with the other members in your group. If the entire group has a common item, place it in the center of the Venn diagram. You can't name anything related to school (we're in the same class), clothing (we're both wearing jeans), or other common things ("I've got two eyes").

Write each common item in the correct intersection of the diagram.



2. In the past, a totem pole was carved for several reasons -- for example, to honor a deceased elder who was important to the carver, to show the number of rights and names a person had acquired over his or her lifetime, or to document an encounter with the supernatural.

Today, totems are carved not only for those reasons but also to tell the story about the person commissioning the pole. You and your team are about to design a totem pole to discover your group's strengths and weaknesses.

Your instructor will divide you into teams. Each person will be handed a piece of cardboard and a list of totems. You are to design a totem figure that best represents your strengths in the group. You may use one of the totem symbols given or make up your own.

Once you have completed your drawing, you and your team will tape them one on top of the other on a portion of the wall. Be prepared to explain your strengths to the group.