

LESSON 3 COOPERATION AND GROUPS

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Members of the Elmsville High School Drama Club spent more time debating than they did acting.

"We've got four weeks to put on a production, and we still haven't decided on a play," Ron, the drama club president, informed the group.

"I'm not finding costumes for anything written in another century," Emily announced.

"That's not fair. I want to play a historical role!" John insisted.

"I want to do a musical!" Susan demanded.

"This is getting us nowhere," Ron concluded.

When you work in a group like a drama club, it is very important for group members to cooperate with one another. Individuals must respect and work with others who have different points of view. In this lesson, you will learn words that refer to people working in groups.

WORD LIST

accompanist
accomplice
coalition
communal
complement
congregate
consensus
inductee
miscellaneous
throng

DEFINITIONS

After you have studied the definitions and example for each vocabulary word, write the word on the line to the right.

1. **accompanist** (ə-kŭm'pə-nĭst) *noun* A musician, such as a pianist, who plays along with a performer or performers. (From the Old French word *compaignon*, meaning "companion")

Related Words **accompaniment** *noun*; **accompany** *verb*

Example The opera singer asked Alan to be her *accompanist* on the piano.

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2. **accomplice** (ə-kŏm'plĭs) *noun* One who knowingly aids or helps another person break a law but is not necessarily present at the time of the crime. (From the Middle English word *complice*, meaning "companion")

Example Bobby was Cindy's willing *accomplice* in the plot to raid the refrigerator.

2. _____

3. **coalition** (kŏ'ə-lĭsh'ən) *noun* An alliance, usually temporary, of a group of people with a common cause. (From the Latin word *coalescere*, meaning "to grow together")

Example A *coalition* of groups favored increased support for national parks.

3. _____

4. **communal** (kə-myŭə'nəl) *adjective* Belonging to a community, group, or society; public. (From the Latin word *communis*, meaning "common")

Related Words **communally** *adverb*; **commune** *noun*

Example The *communal* recreation room was a popular feature provided by the company.

4. _____

5. **complement** (kŏm'plə-mənt) *noun* Something that completes, makes up a whole, or brings to perfection. *verb* To make complete; add to the effect of. (From the Latin word *complere*, meaning "to fill out")

Related Word **complementary** *adjective*

Example An attractive table setting is a *complement* to a well-prepared meal.

5. **USAGE NOTE:** Do not confuse *complement*, which refers to that which completes something, with *compliment*, an expression of praise.

6. **congregate** (kŏng'grĭ-gāt') *verb* To bring or come together in a crowd or assembly. (From the Latin *com-*, meaning "together," and *gregare*, meaning "to assemble")

Related Words **congregation** *noun*; **congregational** *adjective*

Example The geese *congregated* in a large group in front of the pond.

7. **consensus** (kən-sĕn'səs) *noun* General agreement among a group of people. (From the Latin *com-*, meaning "together," and *sentire*, meaning "to feel")

Example The board of directors reached a *consensus* that the company should have a new headquarters constructed.

8. **inductee** (in'dŭk-tē') *noun* A new member of a club or organization; a person being placed formally in an office, a society, or the armed forces. (From the Latin *in-*, meaning "in," and *ducere*, meaning "to lead")

Related Words **induct** *verb*; **induction** *noun*

Example The army *inductees* were outfitted in uniforms for their first field exercise.

9. **miscellaneous** (mĭs'ə-lā'nē-əs) *adjective* a. Made up of a variety of different elements or ingredients. b. Not falling into a particular category. (From the Latin word *miscere*, meaning "to mix")

Related Word **miscellany** *noun*

Example In the cluttered attic, Meg found old toys, books, and other *miscellaneous* objects.

10. **throng** (thrŏng) *noun* A large group of people or things gathered or packed closely together; a crowd. *verb* a. To crowd into; gather. b. To move in a throng.

Example *Throngs* of shoppers filled the aisles of the department store.

NAME _____

DATE _____

EXERCISE 1 MATCHING WORDS AND DEFINITIONS

Match the definition in Column B with the word in Column A. Write the letter of the correct definition on the answer line.

Column A

1. inductee
2. congregate
3. communal
4. coalition
5. accompanist
6. complement
7. miscellaneous
8. consensus
9. accomplice
10. throng

Column B

- a. A person who helps another to commit a crime
- b. A crowd of people packed tightly together
- c. Someone who plays music in support of a singer or other musician
- d. Belonging to a community; public
- e. A new member of an organization
- f. To assemble in a large group
- g. General agreement or opinion
- h. Temporary alliance of people sharing a common cause
- i. Something that completes a whole
- j. Made up of a variety of items

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EXERCISE 2 USING WORDS CORRECTLY

Decide whether the italicized vocabulary word has been used correctly in the sentence. On the answer line, write *Correct* for correct use and *Incorrect* for incorrect use.

1. Everyone applauded the *accompanist's* solo performance.
2. A *consensus* in favor of the proposal was reached when five of the thirty club members voted for it.
3. An *accomplice* watched for security guards while the criminal opened the bank safe.
4. Many people feel that peanut butter is a perfect *complement* to jelly in a sandwich.
5. A new arrival at a school dance is an *inductee*.
6. A group of politicians formed a *coalition* for educational reform.
7. Every family in the neighborhood shared in the costs of repairing the *communal* swimming pool.
8. A *throng* of people left the crowded stadium.
9. Tanya *congregated* alone outside the building.
10. Seventeen new television sets could be referred to as a collection of *miscellaneous* items.

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EXERCISE 3 CHOOSING THE BEST WORD

Decide which vocabulary word or related form best expresses the meaning of the italicized word or phrase in the sentence. On the answer line, write the letter of that word.

1. Many children *gathered* around the ice-cream truck. 1.
a. inducted b. were accompanists c. congregated d. were accomplices
2. A *new member of the army* must complete a basic training program. 2.
a. accomplice b. accompanist c. throng d. inductee
3. The *person who aided the criminal* forged company records. 3.
a. accompanist b. inductee c. throng d. accomplice
4. Hiking clothes, shoes, and a walking stick are *related parts that work together to make up a whole*. 4.
a. complements b. congregations c. miscellanies d. accomplices
5. A *closely packed group* of spectators admired the museum exhibit. 5.
a. coalition b. commune c. throng d. consensus
6. The *musician who played along with the singer* also took a bow. 6.
a. consensus b. accomplice c. accompanist d. inductee
7. The class reached a *general agreement* and voted to visit the aquarium. 7.
a. consensus b. throng c. congregation d. accomplice
8. The factory workers formed a *temporary alliance* on the issue of safety. 8.
a. induction b. throng c. coalition d. complement
9. The neighborhood pool is a *public facility*. 9.
a. congregational b. miscellaneous c. complementary d. communal
10. While looking through the back of the catalogue, Jenny discovered *various items*. 10.
a. communal b. accomplice c. congregational d. miscellaneous

EXERCISE 4 USING DIFFERENT FORMS OF WORDS

Decide which form of the vocabulary word in parentheses best completes the sentence. The form given may be correct. Write your answer on the answer line.

1. The pastor gave a sermon before a large _____. (*congregate*) 1.
2. Janet was an _____ in the prank played on her little brother. (*accomplice*) 2.
3. Mr. Newhall accumulated _____ in his barn. (*miscellaneous*) 3.
4. Roger _____ Violet on the long walk home. (*accompanist*) 4.
5. After hours of debate, the Senate committee reached a _____. (*consensus*) 5.
6. We worked _____ to clean up the school playground. (*communal*) 6.
7. The _____ of new club members took place at a special ceremony. (*inductee*) 7.
8. The cover nicely _____ the contents of the yearbook. (*complement*) 8.
9. A _____ of people filled the convention center. (*throng*) 9.
10. At least three _____ are working for improved social services. (*coalition*) 10.