

# Principles of discussion Educational Communication

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# What is discussion?

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Group work – student presentation

# Principles of discussion

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- **Discussion principles** include:
- Respect Every Voice,
- Celebrate all Ideas,
- Seek first to Understand,
- Uncover Your Assumptions,
- and many more according to situation!

# What are the principles of group discussion?

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## Role of members

- Talk one at a time. No private conversation.
- Supply relevant information.
- Contribute one point at a time.
- Answer questions directly, specifically and briefly.
- Listen attentively.
- Don't deviate from the subject.
- Open minded-willingness to change the previous opinion, if required.
- Support the needed **leadership**.

# What is discussion in educational communication?

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Group work – student presentation

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## a) Opinions (S = strong)

### I. Asking for opinions:

*What are your views (on...)*

*What's your opinion (on...)*

*What do you think (of...)*

*How do you feel (about...)*

*Do you think...*

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## a) Opinions (S = strong)

### II. Giving opinions:

*I'm (quite) sure (about...)*

*I really do think (that...)*

*From a (financial) point of view...*

*In my opinion...*

*I think (that...)*

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## a) Opinions (S = strong)

### III. Agreeing:

*Yes, I agree completely. (S)*

*Yes, definitely. (S)*

*I agree.*

*I'd go along with that.*

*Yes, you have a point there... (but)*



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## a) Opinions (S = strong)

### IV. Disagreeing:

*(In my opinion), that's out of the question.(S)*

*I'm afraid I disagree completely.*

*I'm afraid I can't agree with that idea.*

*Sorry, but I don't agree.*

*I'm afraid that's not how I see it.*

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## a) Opinions (S = strong)

### V. Expressing reservations and doubts:

*I agree up to appoint, but...*

*You could be right, but...*

*Maybe, but...*

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b) Advice and suggestions

## I. Asking for advice and suggestions

*What would you suggest we do/advice us to do?*

*What do you recommend?*

*I'd like to hear your ideas on this.*

*Do you have any suggestions?*

*Do you think we should...?*

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b) Advice and suggestions

II. Giving advice and suggestions:

*I think you should...*

*Have you thought of...*

*Why don't we...*

*How about...*

*You could...*

*It might be a good idea to...*

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## b) Advice and suggestions

### III. Accepting:

*I'm definitely in favor of doing that.(S)*

*Yes, I think we should do that.*

*That's an interesting idea.*

*Yes, that sounds like a good idea.*

*Yes, let's do that.*

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## b) Advice and suggestions

### IV. Rejecting:

*I'm sorry, but that's out of the question.*

*I'm afraid I'm not very keen on that idea.*

*I'm not sure about that.*

*That's very interesting but...*

*No, I don't think that will work.*

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## c) Requests and offers

### **Requesting:**

*Could you possibly*

Do you think you could →

Would you

Could you

Can you (I)

### **Agreeing:**

Yes, certainly.

Yes, that's no problem.

Yes, of course.

Yes, I'll do that.

# Resources

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<http://www.vpp.upol.cz/?q=node/255>