



## **TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More**

### Module Reader

Why do we work in teams?

If you've ever played on a sports team, you know how important it is to be a team player. Teamwork is also an important skill in the classroom and on the job.

Many students enjoy teamwork because they can talk, share ideas, and often create a better product than they could do alone. Working in teams helps you learn more, remember more, and enjoy school more.

But sometimes, it's not easy to work with other people. Teamwork requires cooperation, respect for others, and patience. You have to listen to the ideas of others and help each member contribute. You may disagree or have trouble solving problems. But working in teams gives you an opportunity to learn how to use the strengths of each member to achieve and learn more than you could alone.

Basketball player Michael Jordan knows how important teamwork is. He once said, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." Games are not won by one superstar, but by a team of players.

Did you know that many of the skills you need to work together successfully in a team at school are the same ones you need in the workplace? A survey asked employers to list the behaviors that caused the most problems on the job. You will see that many of these actions cause trouble in teams at school, too.

### **What Bosses Don't Like**

1. Dishonesty and lying
2. Goofing off when you are supposed to be working
3. Thinking your way is the only "right" way and not listening to others
4. Being absent or late
5. Not following instructions or ignoring them
6. Complaining about the company or the job
7. Not working hard and not doing your best
8. Being lazy or lacking enthusiasm
9. Not getting along with others
10. Being disrespectful of others

