

# Guidelines for Working in Pairs & Groups

- Move into your groups quickly and **get right to work.**
- Read the instructions aloud or repeat what the teacher has challenged you to find out. Be sure every group member **knows what the challenge is.**
- Part of group work is learning to

**listen** to each other. Don't interrupt your classmates. Make sure each person's ideas are heard and that the group answers each person's questions.

- If you are confused, **ask your group** to explain. If no one in the group can answer the question, and it is an important question,

raise your hand for the teacher.

- If someone in your group uses a word or an idea you do not understand, **ask for an explanation.** You are responsible for learning all you can from your group. You are also responsible for contributing to the work of your group. When you explain ideas to

others, it will help you understand the ideas more deeply.

- **Give everyone in the group a chance** to talk about his or her ideas. Talking out loud about your thinking will help you learn to express your arguments and clarify your ideas.
- If your group gets stuck, **go over**

**what the Problem is asking** and what you know so far. If this does not give you a new idea, raise your hand for the teacher.

- **Be prepared to share your group's ideas, solutions, and strategies and to explain why you think you are correct.**
- Make sure you look back at the

original Problem and **check that your solutions make sense.**

- You are responsible for **recording all ideas and solutions in your notes.**