

# Эссе:



## ГОТОВЫЕ решения

### Part 2

## *Teamwork is the most useful classroom activity.*

People tend to comment differently on whether working in a team is the most beneficial thing for students. Some say teambuilding is vital, others suppose that the importance of such an activity is overestimated.

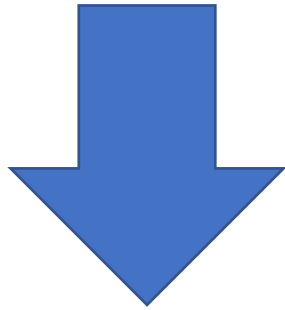
I am personally inclined to support the point of view of the latter. Teamwork is an important skill but it can never be put in one line with basic educational process's value. To start with, working in a team is just one of the advantages when getting a workplace but in order to apply for a job a person must be educated. Knowledge is the main key to building a respectable career. Ability to find a common language with people is never enough to become successful in life as it has to be supported with a solid educational basis.

Though, there is a fair share of those disagreeing with that. They say teambuilding is essential to increase the level of productivity by building a friendly bond between team members. Team-building promotes the idea that each voice in the team matters therefore teammates should learn to listen to each other.

I reckon that such reasoning is flawed. Teamwork may be a positive thing but there is a striking difference between being good and vital. When braying to a doctor to save one's life, a patient hopes that that are intelligent and skillful enough to provide an effective treatment and very few care what physician's relationships with their colleagues are.

To conclude, I am solidly convinced that teambuilding activities should remain optional while the main focus of the class time needs to be made onto teaching school disciplines and constantly expanding students' knowledge base.

*Teamwork is **the most** useful classroom activity.*



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**Useful**

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*Teamwork is a [useful] [classroom activity].*

# a classroom activity:

- students (pupils, learners)
- teachers (educators)
- a school



# Useful?

- helps you to do sth
- serves a useful purpose

-> **get rid of some problems**  
**solve serious problems**  
**find a solution to the problem of**

-> **is an effective solution to the problem of...**

-> **is a great way to...**

-> **is a fruitful strategy**



# Useful?

- helps you to achieve sth

- > achieve better results  
achieve great results in...

- > achieve a goal

- > achieve high standards

- > achieve excellence



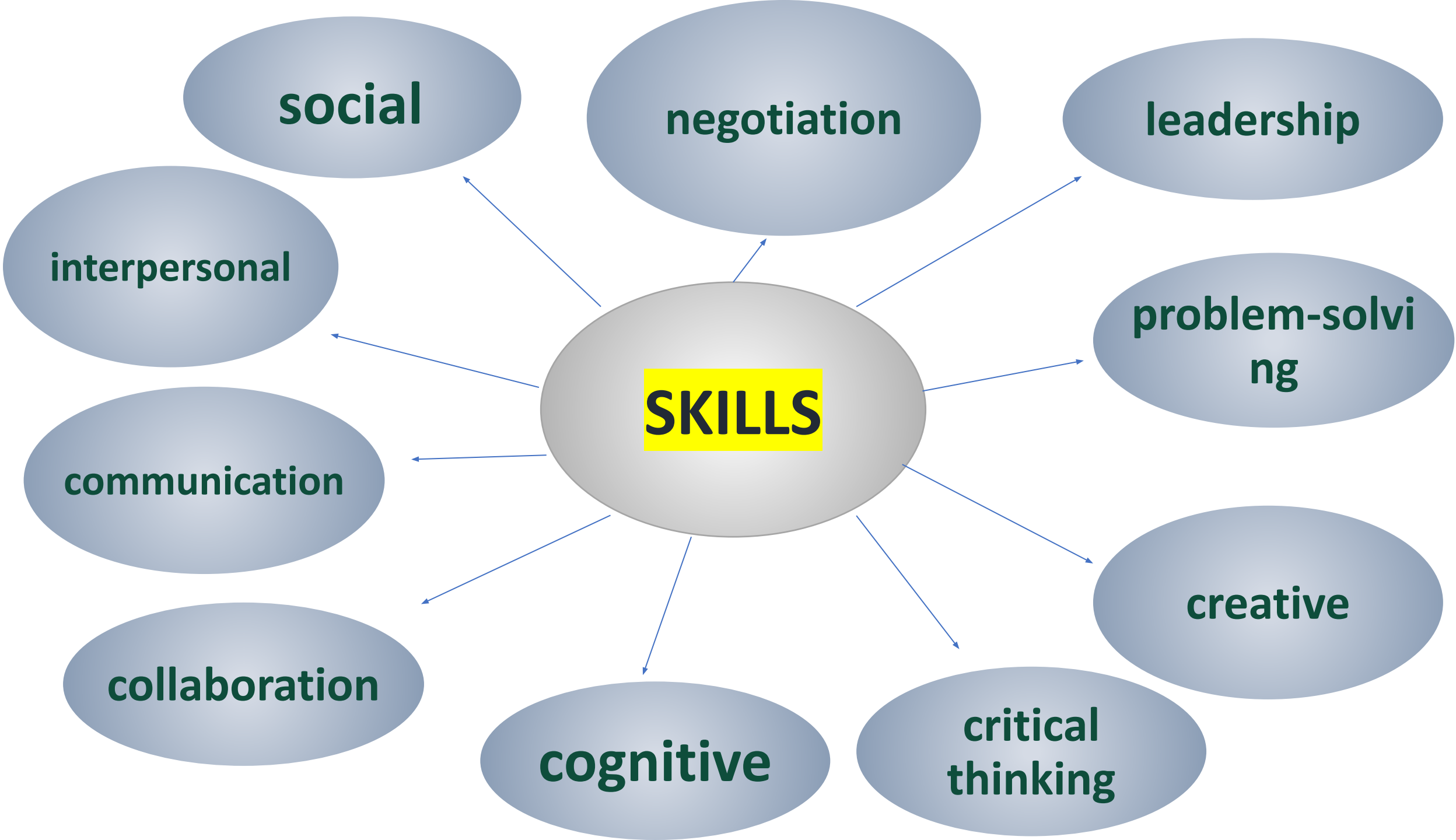


# Useful?

- is of great use to you
- offers a lot of **benefits**
- brings real benefits for...
- you can benefit from ...  
(psychologically, academically)
- develops ...
- contributes to the **development** of ->



- ✓ **academic performance**
- ✓ **skills** (*social, interpersonal, negotiation skills*)
- ✓ **the ability to** (*avoid/prevent conflict, settle down disputes, reach a win-win situation, reach an agreement*)
- ✓ **character traits** (*patience, tolerance, ...*)
- ✓ **an understanding** (*of how to deal with people, ...*)



# Useful?



- offers a convenient way to do sth
- is an effective solution to (the problem of)
- an invaluable source of...
- a productive strategy
- a fruitful approach to sth
- an excellent opportunity to do sth
- a wise step to take
- an important change in
- significant contribution to...
- a workable idea

# Useful?

provides **opportunities!**



- offers a golden opportunity to ...
- improves / increases the opportunity to do sth...
- maximizes opportunities to do sth

Translation exercises to practice key vocabulary.

1. Работа в команде помогает развивать важные умения общения.
2. Участие в работе в команде помогает научиться взаимодействию с другими.

# *Teamwork is a **useful** **classroom** activity.*

+ social skills: cooperation /  
collaboration skills

? Individuality?

+ communication skills

+ recent research shows

- academic performance

? express individuality ?

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**! not every one is interested**

**! competition**

# *Teamwork is a **useful** **classroom** activity.*

- Teamwork is generally believed / thought by many (students) to be a very **useful** classroom activity. Some people / individuals (Most teachers), however, disagree. / do not share this belief. / doubt that it is so.
- Personally, I agree (with those who think that) (believe) that teamwork activities offer students and teachers a lot of benefits / students and teachers benefit from teamwork activities a lot. To begin with, group work helps students to develop crucial social skills, such as the ability to cooperate with others. It is an essential benefit because collaboration skills mean better career prospects in the future. Another advantage, is that teamwork teaches important communication skills (,for example, active listening and effective speaking). When working as a team, students learn to respectfully (attentively) listen to one another and express their ideas clearly.

- However, some people doubt that organizing group work in the classroom is really useful. They argue that teamwork activities do not improve students' academic results , so there is no place for them in the classroom / , so when it comes to teaching and learning, teamwork is (mostly) a waste of time.
- (Besides, according to some critics, teamwork places too much emphasis on the value of a group and does not offer students opportunities to express their individuality).
- In my opinion, it is wrong to believe that teamwork is not useful for the classroom. On the contrary, it is a great (unique) opportunity to boost students' academic performance: recent research shows that students learn best from tasks that involve interacting with others.
- (... teamwork activities teach students that each of their voices is valued. So surprisingly / Therefore, group work is a great (excellent, unique) chance to improve students' self-confidence and encourage them to express themselves.)



- In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that (students benefit a lot from participating in group work activities) participation in teamwork activities gives students a lot of benefits, which makes it a really useful (valuable) component of school education. (Clearly, it makes group work ...)

*Teamwork is a **useful** **classroom** activity. ->*

*Teamwork is **the most** **useful** **classroom** activity.*

# ФИНАЛЬНЫЙ ВАРИАНТ

Teamwork is a useful classroom activity.

Teamwork is thought by many today's educators to be a very useful classroom activity. However, there are still some conservative teachers who are skeptical about its benefits.

Personally, I believe that there are a lot of advantages in using teamwork activities in the classroom. To begin with, group work is an effective method to develop students' social skills, such as the ability to cooperate with others. It is an essential benefit because collaboration skills mean better career prospects for students in the future. Surprisingly, group work encourages individuality, too. It teaches students that each of their voices is valued and motivates them to take an active part in the learning process. Another advantage is that teamwork helps students develop important communication skills. When working as a team, students practise active listening and learn to communicate their ideas clearly.

However, there is an opinion that it is not really useful for students to participate in teamwork activities because it does not improve their academic results. Some people even argue that since group work is not directly related to learning, it is a complete waste of classroom time.

In my opinion, it is wrong to assume that teamwork is not useful for the classroom. On the contrary, it is an invaluable resource that helps teachers improve students' academic performance quite significantly. Recent research shows that students learn best from tasks that involve interacting with others.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that participation in teamwork activities gives students a lot of benefits. Clearly, this fact makes group work a really useful aspect of school education.