

# Interdependence

What do you enjoy about learning with other people? Do you prefer this to learning on your own?

How does this help you become a better learner? When is it good to learn by yourself?

Do we need to be in a group to get that information?

What does it feel like when other people disagree with you?

What would help you to stick with your own ideas?

What makes you change your views and adopt / take up those of other people in your group?

What sort of things do you find easier to learn on your own / with others?

Who do you learn best with? Why do you think that is?

Maybe this is the moment to go and think about this quietly by yourself, to sort out your ideas before working with others.

## Some language pointers!

When you use this learning muscle, you...

- Know how much interaction you need with others to help your learning.
- Make informed choices about working on your own or with others.
- Maintain independent judgement when working with others.



Knowing when it's appropriate to learn on your own or with others, and being able to stand your ground in debate.

Ways that we can foster the skill of Interdependence:-

- Engage children of all ages in evaluating the effect of grouping or individual work on their learning experiences and outcomes.
- Provide opportunities for different ways of learning, sometimes with unexpected partners, but also involve children in decisions about who they will work with and why.
- Become progressively more challenging in the expectations of independent learning.
- Ask children what they have learnt about themselves as a result of working in a particular way.