Working with Others

As a student, you have many opportunities to work alone. But sometimes, you have the chance to work with one or more students. Do you prefer to work alone or to work with others? Why?

In Unit 1: Technology and Community and in Unit 2: Technology at Work, you will have many opportunities to collaborate and work with others. Not only will you and a partner share a book and a computer, but you will also work together to create products.

- **What are some advantages of working with others? Why?**

- **What problems or challenges might you experience when working with others? Why?**

Common Conflicts

When you work with others, conflicts may arise. The following list describes some common conflicts. Together we will read the list of conflicts and identify possible solutions.

- A student refuses to work with a partner or in a group.

- No one wants to work with a specific student.

- One student is shy and does not want to speak.

- One student does not let a partner or other group members share the computer.

- One student does not respect or listen to the ideas of a partner or other group members.

Collaboration Checklist

When collaborating and working together, you should check the following:

- We make sure that all members of our group participate and feel included.

- We agree to our goals and our plan for making our product.

- We each work on our assigned parts to complete our product.

- We review our work together to see how to make it better.

- We talk about our work and help each other as we go along.

What are some other ways to collaborate and work together?