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- 2) Everyone can improve their skills in working with others.
- 3) Sometimes my ability to work as a member of a group will be more important for my success than my own individual intelligence.
- 4) It is impossible for others in your group to tell when you are zoning out.
- 5) Most of the time in math class, collaboration requires working on the same problem at the same time.
- 6) Taking turns is a simple practice for making sure everybody in the group gets their ideas heard.
- 7) Using your phone while others are speaking will never affect your ability to achieve your personal goals in life.
- 8) Sometimes good listening requires that you ask the speaker a clarifying question about what he or she has just said.
- 9) Supervisors are more likely to recommend you for the best projects and leadership assignments if you are a person who complains whenever you are assigned to work in a group with people you aren't friends with.
- 10) It is never a good idea to agree on ground rules ahead of time for speaking as part of a group.
- 11) When you work in a group, you should always be looking for ways to gain a personal advantage over others.
- 12) If you ask a question, it shows that you don't know anything.
- 13) Treating all ideas with respect is not important in helping the group achieve its common goals.
- 14) Sometimes collaboration requires being patient with others.

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