

Parent Guide to the Standards

# **Effective Group Discussions**

## Today's Standard

8.SL.1b - Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Classroom group projects; Team meetings in sports; Collaborative community service activities; Family decision-making sessions; Planning events with friends

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how to work well in groups by following rules, setting goals, and making sure everyone has a job to do. This helps us make good decisions together.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids might think their job in the group isn't important, but every job matters. They might also think it's okay to miss deadlines, but deadlines help us finish our work on time.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a group discussion?
- Why is it important to follow rules in a discussion?
- What happens if we don't meet our deadlines?
- Why does everyone need a job in the group?
- How can we keep track of our goals?

## Help Me

In real life, we often work with others to get things done, like planning a party or working on a school project. It's important to follow rules, set goals, and make sure everyone knows what they need to do so that everything goes smoothly.