

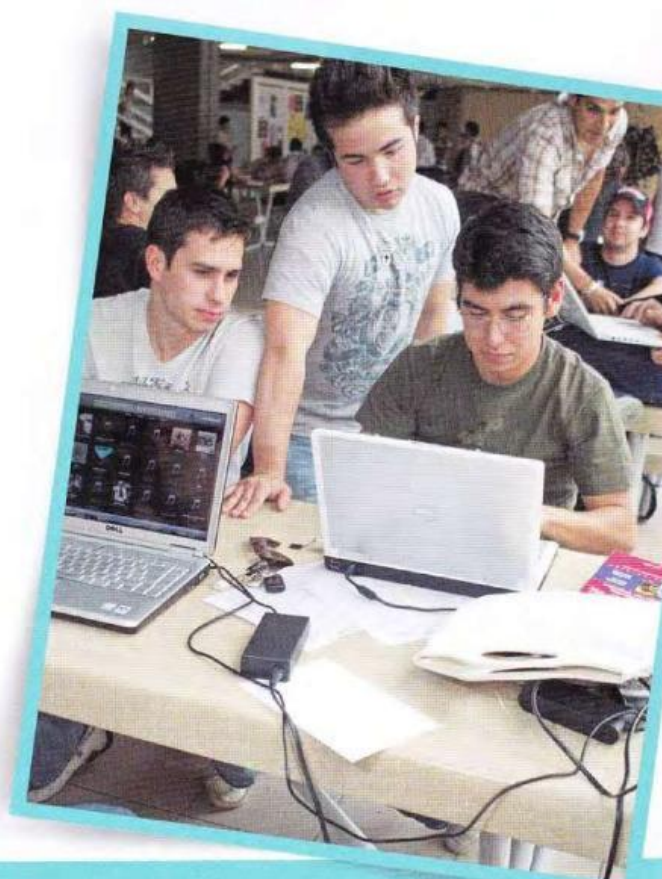
READING

1 Read the text quickly and choose the correct answers.

- 1 ... think group work is a good idea.
a Lecturers
b Students
- 2 Group work can be difficult because ...
a people work in different ways.
b some people are always wrong.
- 3 Group work is best when ...
a everyone can do what they want.
b everything is planned and organised well.

2 Replace the definitions in the sentences with the words in bold from the text.

- 1 She always tries to *control* the group.
- 2 The meetings are difficult, but it helps me to *improve* my English.
- 3 His *job* in the group is to research the topic.
- 4 We *tell each other* opinions on a topic in our meetings.
- 5 We need a *list of all the things we have to do*.



Students often have to work in groups at university. This is because many lecturers think there are advantages to group work. You can **share** your ideas and find solutions to problems. You can **develop** your communication skills. You can also learn about different cultures and improve your English.

However, there are problems with working in a group. Sometimes a very confident or talkative person can **dominate** the group. Some group members never speak – they just sit in silence. Sometimes people only want to talk and not listen. This might be because they think they are right and they think everyone else is wrong.

Students can avoid these kinds of problems by making rules. For example, agree **an agenda** for the meeting and how often the group will meet. Always agree the deadlines for the work. Usually it is helpful for everyone to have a **role**. For example, one person takes notes, another does research, and another produces the PowerPoint slides.

Doing group work at university is an important experience that you also need for your future.

