

Top 10 Picks: Cooperation

Videos for Social Learning

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Start your conversations about cooperation with a good video or two. This very complicated and abstract concept is critical for school and job success. Cooperation even makes family life easier! Watch, then talk about what elements of cooperation everyone observed. Find yourself in a tricky moment in real life, where cooperation seems to be a challenge? Reference a fun moment from one of these videos and see if that helps turn things around. As always, please preview **CAREFULLY** to make sure they are a good fit for your audience. These are in no particular order. Enjoy!

Sesame Street: Street Garden Cooperation

If you have young children, this catchy tune may be just what you need in those difficult moments when it seems so hard to get everyone on board with the plan! Older students with fond memories of Sesame Street's wonderful characters may enjoy it also. Be sure to check this one out.

Bridge by Ting Chian Tey

Crossing narrow bridges can be challenging, especially if you are on the larger side. A good example of how not being flexible with a plan can bring on strong feelings. A somewhat unexpected ending makes it great to ask students to make predictions!

Catch It by ESMA 2015

Great example of righteous indignation as those poor meerkats struggle to get back the tasty fruit the vulture has taken. Working together raises the chances of success, but look out, not every tale has a happy ending. Great animation, great feelings, great story.

CGIAward-Winning** 3D Animated Short HD: "Soar" – by Alyce Tzue, Dec 18, 2015.**

Terrific story marvelously drawn. Love when she takes a pic with her iPhone! Themes of separation, discouragement and perseverance, it's a great example of cooperation in the face of adversity. Don't miss this one!

"A Cloudy Lesson" by Yezi Xue | Disney Favorite

Still one of my all time favorites! A very sweet story about a young child and older adult blowing clouds and solving problems together. In under 2 minutes, this gentle and slowly paced video is an especially terrific story for young children.

Neighbors helping neighbors after the storm by the Washington Times

This short clip of a news story is a great example how helping and cooperating to solve a neighborhood problem could be less than fun. What if the game was on? What if I really was ready for lunch? What if the branches were scratchy? The truth is, cooperating is not always our first pick of what to do.

BRESLAU Rally 2013 – SS07 Zagan- Leading bikers were helping each other in my by marathonrally

Another real life example of messy cooperation. Enough said.

The Power of Teamwork posted by Bear Baron

One of my all time favorites, although I am unable to find the original creator. Three terrific examples of how cooperation pays off. All in a commercial for taking the bus. Goes to show, you never know where you will find a terrific video!

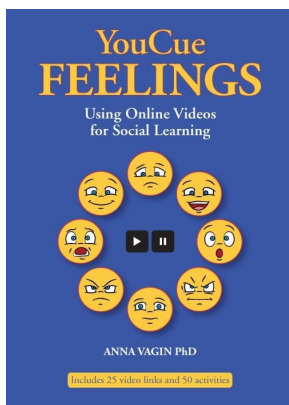
Egghunt by justanimate

This three-and-a-half-minute video humorously suggests that even cavemen struggled with relationships and understanding motives. Watch as one caveman fails repeatedly, only to feel like another other caveman is trying to steal his coveted eggs. Although maybe he isn't... There's a lot of richness here.

Mariza- the Stubborn Donkey by Constantine Krystallis

This was one of the very first videos I discovered. After some bumps in the road, a Greek fisherman and his donkey realize that finding a way to work together is the best way to get a job done.

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