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A crucial part of **STEM** learning is working in teams. **Teamwork** involves brainstorming with your classmates, how to collaborate, solving tough problems as a group, building a model together, and thinking of ways to improve it.

Collaboration means working together to reach a goal. Within a team, members sometimes take on certain roles. Examples include: head engineer, quality control engineer, operations manager, and communication director.

When working on a team, it's important *not to criticize* others' ideas. Not every idea will be a success or even something you pursue. In those cases, you'll have opportunities to advance ideas with your input.

Practice delivering your input in *question* form. Instead of saying, "That model is too large and won't work," try, "What if we made it smaller to fit the requirements better?"

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Working in teams can be challenging. Here are some tips for successful teamwork.

- ✓ Respect yourself and others.
- ✓ Accept differences.
- ✓ Listen to others while they're speaking.
- ✓ Stay on task and avoid distractions.
- ✓ Manage your time wisely.
- ✓ Stay positive.

