

## **Common mistakes in group discussion**

### **Concept A: Introduction**

Group discussion involves a group of people who are connected, exchange views, information and work together towards some shared activity, interest, or a common set of goals or logical conclusion.

Group Discussion", or GD, has become important for both businesses and schools.

It is used to check if an individual has certain personality traits like communication skills, confidence, team spirit, leadership abilities, social behaviour and problem-solving skills. It helps to assess a candidate's soft skills like social and interpersonal skills. Based on the results students or candidates are shortlisted for admission or recruited in an organisation.

These skills are useful for everyday life as we regularly interact, discuss or share views with our friends, family and colleagues about day-to-day things or any serious topics.

It is of two types - Topic-Based and Case Study based GD's

Structure-

There is a Moderator or Coordinator or Facilitator.

There is also a panel of judges, who observe and evaluate the candidates.

### **Concept B : Skills required for GDs**

- Active listening
- Seek clarification
- Mediation
- Structured thought process
- Presentation
- Communication
- Open-minded

### **CONCEPT C: Common mistakes to be avoided in any group discussion**

- Don't take the lead, if you don't have enough points on the topic.
- Don't sit quietly or hesitate to take the lead, if you know the topic of discussion
- Never copy or simply comment on someone else's ideas.
- Never contradict your own points mentioned earlier.

1. **Introduction**

2. **Background**

3. **Method**

- 1. **Study Design**
- 2. **Participants**
- 3. **Intervention**

4. **Results**

- 1. **Primary Outcome**
- 2. **Secondary Outcome**
- 3. **Subgroup Analysis**

5. **Conclusion**

- 1. **Summary**

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