**MODULE THREE**

**FIRST 2 QUESTIONS:**

1. **How do you form groups of students for group work and why do you take this approach?**

I am an EFL teacher at a little Secondary Junior School (10 to 13 y.o. students). Unfortunately I have never proposed collaborative work in the way suggested in this course. Still,

1. For minor group activities, like ONLINE RESEARCHES, I happened to divide groups according to these criteria:

a) their level of proficiency: 2 most proficient with 2 less proficient

b) their interests: they spontaneously offered to work together.

2) For another kind of activities, like MAKING SHORT VIDEOS ADDING TEXT, I divided the groups according to these criteria:

a) their interests: they spontaneously offered to work together, suggesting ideas on how to make the videos

b) their gender: unfortunately all the girls wanted to make a video on their favourite hobby, classical dance, which is typically female

3) For another type of activity, REINFORCING GRAMMAR CONTENT or CIVILIZATION CONTENT or CROSS-CURRICULAR CONTENT

Peer-tutoring:

a) their level of proficiency: 1 very proficient with 1 less proficient

b) their choice: the student tutor spontaneously chose his/her tutoree.

Also,

* I AVOID choosing students who don't go together well.
* I TAKE INTO ACCOUNT their behaviour, so I don't usually match lively students together, but mix them up with quieter students, so that they can complement each other.

1. **Based on your experience what strategies of forming groups work and which do not work? Why?**

a) PROS: the best students can lead and help the less proficient students.

Plus, when I can compromise having students choosing spontaneously it means that I will have them get better results. Having groups formed by gender, it means that a big interest and enthusiasm is shown in doing the work.

b) CONS: when students offer spontaneously to do things in groups or in pairs, it may happen to have the more proficient doing all the work and the less proficient being lazy.

Dividing students by gender is not morally right, because boys and girls have to stay together, like in any social community.