

FAQ – CPSA – Students

Can I choose my team members? No, your instructor sets up groups with a random allocation of members.

Does our team need to meet offline? No, we encourage virtual meetings only.

Can I do this on my own? No, this is a team activity

Can I write more than or less than 200 words? You need about 200 to clearly express and communicate your ideas. You may write more than 200 but try to avoid writing very large posts as others may get a bit intimidated.

Can each team member work on a prompt? No, each team member must work together with the others on the same prompt.

When I copy the text into Blackboard it looks bad e.g. too big, too small, all in one line, etc. What should I do? You should prepare your post in Word, then copy it into Notepad. Then copy from Notepad to Blackboard so that you do not carry any formatting from Word into Blackboard.

Can I edit or delete posts? You cannot edit posts. You can delete posts.

Can we answer the posts in any order? No, you should work sequentially on the prompts. You may add information later relating to an earlier question if new ideas come to you.

If I forget to say something can I write another post? Yes, if you forget something you can add in a short post at any time. Also, you can make a short comment at any time.

What do I do if my team members are lazy and do not post regularly? You should stick to your own schedule if they do not post.

Do I have to work continuously on this activity over the 12 days? Yes, this is a 12-day team activity. If you work for only half the time then you lose half of the available marks.

Will I lose marks if I do not post at regular intervals over the 12 days? Yes, if the posts are not evenly divided in time you will lose marks.

If I start 6 days late how many marks will I lose? After 6 days only half the of marks are remaining because you have only participated for half of the time.

When do the 12 days start from? We will tell you the start date. You must make your first post that day or the following day at the latest.

Can I finish early, before the end of the 12 days? The very earliest you can make your last post is on the second last day of the 12-day period.

Will I have the same team members in the second round of the activity? No, your team members will be different.

What do I write if I can't find anything new to add? You can clarify what others have said and you can move on to the next prompt.

Must I comment on what my team members have said? Yes, as you are part of a team you must acknowledge each others' posts and critique them. If you are the first person to post on a prompt then you do not have other posts to acknowledge.

What do you mean by critiquing other posts? You say whether you agree or not. If you disagree with a part explain why. If you feel the post needs elaboration then do that.

If a team member just said what I wanted to say then what do I do? You can expand upon it, critique it, explain it in a more helpful way, but you must not repeat it in the same way.