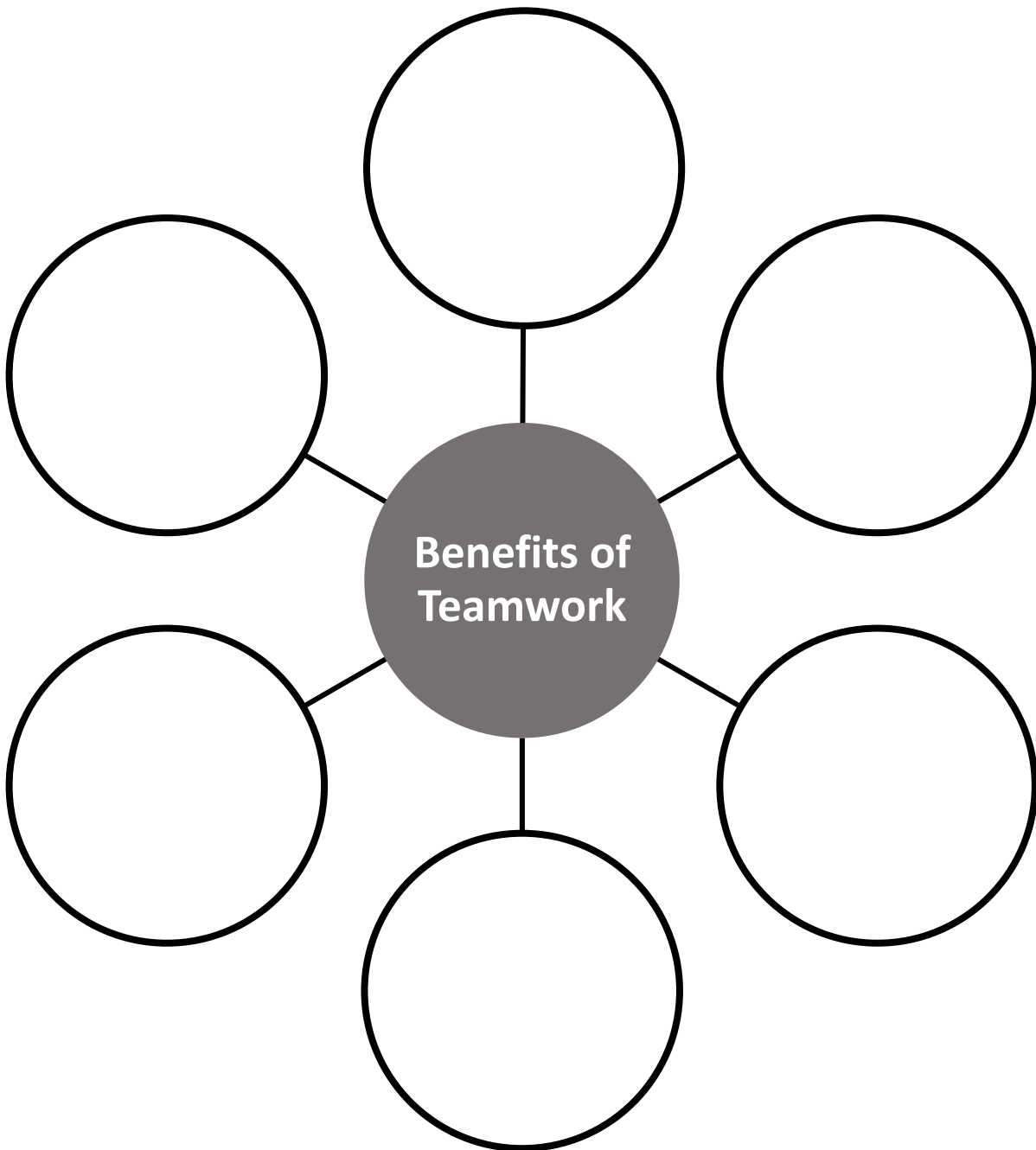


What are the Benefits of Effective Teamwork?

Think about the benefits that good teamwork has for the employer and employees in the workplace. Write them in the spaces provided. Add circles if you need additional space.



Characteristics of Effective Teams

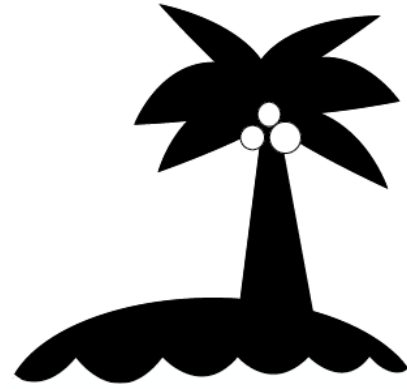
Think about the characteristics that teams should have in order to be effective. Here are eight to consider. What other characteristics would you add to this list?

1. The team must have a clear goal.
2. The team must have competent, knowledgeable team members.
3. The team must be collaborative, with all members being honest, open, and respectful of other members.
4. The team must have a unified focus and commitment.
5. The team should have a results-driven structure.
6. The team must have high expectations that are understood by everyone.
7. The team should receive support and encouragement from external sources.
8. The team must have an effective leader who works for the good of the team.

Team Survival Scenario

Read through the following scenario:

Your work team earned a trip as a reward for exceeding your sales goals last year. You all boarded the S.S. Super Clipper for a relaxing luxury week-long cruise in the Pacific Ocean. You encountered a bad storm and the clipper ship limped to shore and partially sank. Only the top of the ship is still visible off the north tip of the island. You are all now stranded on an uninhabited island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The storm basically ruined most things on board, leaving very few useful items.



Your task is to choose the 12 most useful items to help you survive on this deserted island. First, write a list of 12 items on the back of this sheet of paper that you would individually like to have on hand to survive on the island.

Next, work with your team to create a master list of items to choose from. Your next task is to work together with your team to come up with a list of the 12 most important items you feel would help the group survive on this island for the next 6-12 months. Rate the final list of 12, with 1 being the most important item through 12 being the least important item on your list.

For example, one item you may wish to have on hand is a box of matches or a lighter.