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Working in a Group

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Introduction

There will be times when you will need to work in groups with other people in your class.

Do you think you work well in a group?

There are skills that you can learn and practise to improve group work and make your discussions more effective.

This presentation will look at how groups work, and the skills you need to perform well in a group.

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Making targets

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Group roles

For a group to operate well, it is important that there are a range of roles within the group.

Can you think of some roles?

- **LEADING** – e.g. chairing discussion
- **CLARIFYING** – e.g. constructive questioning
- **BUILDING** – e.g. taking ideas further
- **INITIATING** – e.g. bringing up new ideas

What you don't want in the group is a **blocker**, i.e. someone who stops the work by being negative, interrupting, or talking about something else.

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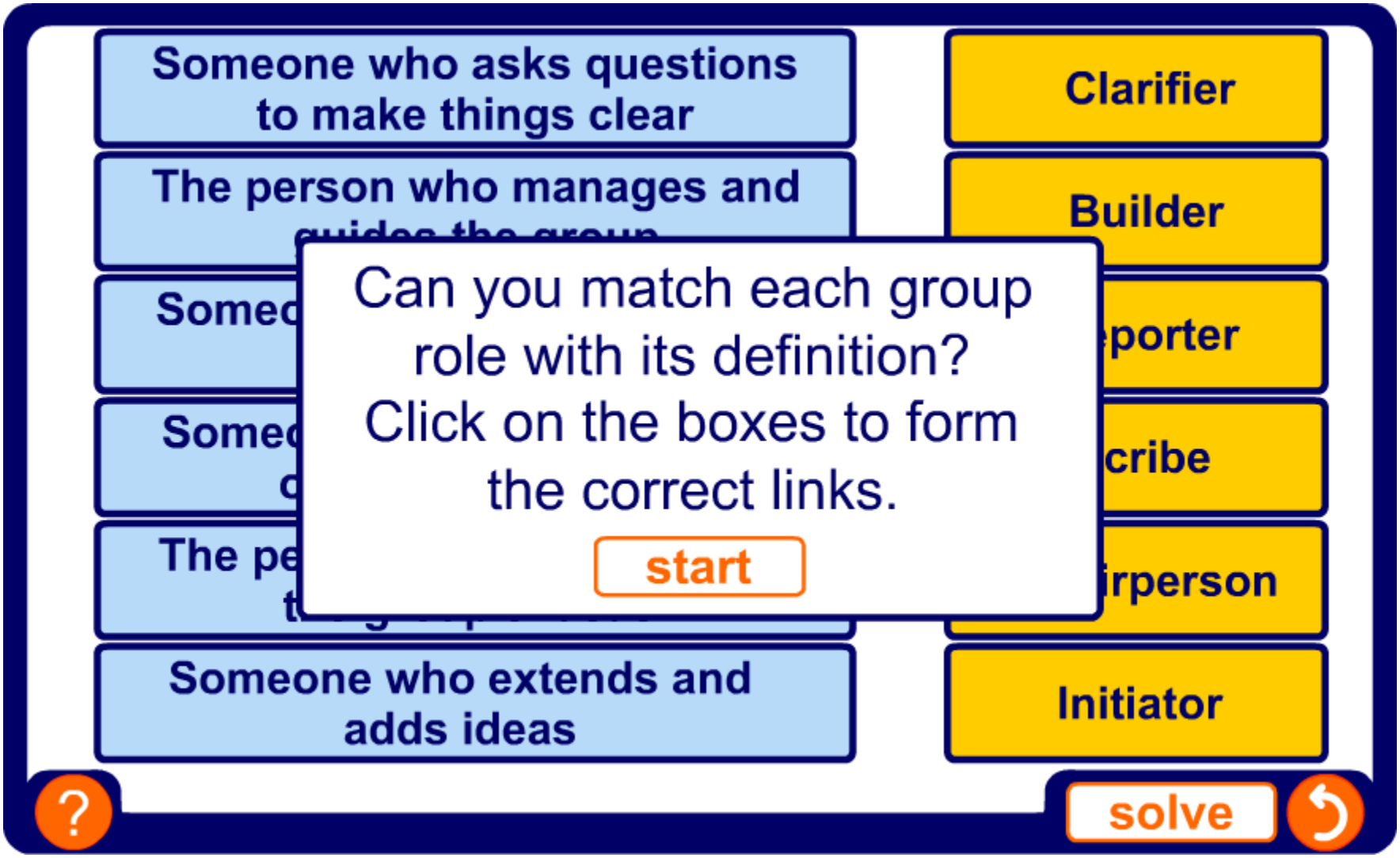
Group roles



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Different roles within a group

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The chairperson

Here are some statements made by chairs of different groups trying to start off a discussion.

Discuss how effective you think they will each be at identifying what needs to be done.

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Exploratory, hypothetical and speculative language

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Exploratory, hypothetical and speculative talk

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Group discussion activity

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Team quiz

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