

# Defining Your Common Goal

The purpose of this tool is to guide your brainstorm and to guide you toward defining your common goal.

Consider the areas of collaboration suggested below to guide you through your brainstorm/discussion:

| To develop competency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Subject-specific competencies                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reading competencies</li> <li>- Writing competencies</li> <li>- Communication (talk) competencies</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cross-curricular competencies</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| To support instruction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | To explore collaboratively                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Differentiation</li> <li>● Classroom environment</li> <li>● Class management</li> <li>● Student engagement</li> <li>● Instructional strategies</li> <li>● Assessment/ Evaluation</li> <li>● Other</li> </ul>                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Using, creating or exploring tools or resources (book, rubric, etc.) in both classrooms</li> <li>● Addressing an existing problem that you have both identified in your students</li> <li>● Co-teaching</li> <li>● Other</li> </ul> |

## Brainstorm

### Getting started...

- I/We would like to improve...
- I/We would like to try out...
- I/We would like to change...

Select the common idea that you will explore together. Once chosen, refine it into a common goal statement.  
To state your goal:

- Use an *action verb* such as: plan, collaborate, increase, provide, organize, develop, use, record, create...
- Include an **element of collaboration** such as: common, same, complementary, both classes...
- Include the expected impact on students such as: to improve, to increase, to develop...

**Example:**

To *plan* **complementary activities** for both classes to increase the use of adjectives in students' creative writing.

↑  
Action verb

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Element of collaboration

↑  
Expected impact

Consider whether your common goal is:

- feasible
- attainable
- relevant
- manageable
- observable

**Common goal:**