

Competition versus cooperation

Can visualization help us grasp the nature of our complex relationships?

Oxford dictionary:

Competition

[*mass noun*]

- the activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others
- [*count noun*] an event or contest in which people take part in order to establish superiority or supremacy in a particular area
- [*in singular*] the person or people over whom one is attempting to establish one's supremacy or superiority; the opposition
- Ecology; interaction between animal or plant species, or individual organisms, that are attempting to gain a share of a limited environmental resource.

Cooperation

[*mass noun*]

- the action or process of working together to the same end
- assistance, especially by complying readily with requests
- Economics; the formation and operation of cooperatives.

Collaboration

[*mass noun*]

- 1 the action of working with someone to produce something
- [*count noun*] something produced in collaboration with someone
- 2 traitorous cooperation with an enemy

Intention

[*noun*]

- 1 a thing intended; an aim or plan
- [*mass noun*] the action or fact of intending

- (**someone's intentions**) a person's plans, especially a man's, in respect to marriage
- 2 Medicine; the healing process of a wound
- 3 (**intentions**) Logic; conceptions formed by directing the mind towards an object.

Interest

[*noun*]

- 1 [*mass noun*] the feeling of wanting to know or learn about something or someone
- the quality of exciting curiosity or holding the attention
- [*count noun*] an activity or subject which one enjoys doing or studying
- 2 [*mass noun*] money paid regularly at a particular rate for the use of money lent, or for delaying the repayment of a debt
- 3 the advantage or benefit of a person or group
- *archaic* the selfish pursuit of one's own welfare; self-interest.
- 4 a stake or involvement in an undertaking, especially a financial one
- a legal concern, title, or right in property.
- 5 (usually **interests**) a group or organization having a common concern, especially in politics or business

Loyalty

[*mass noun*]

- the quality of being loyal
- [*count noun*] (often **loyalties**) a strong feeling of support or allegiance

Conflict

- a serious disagreement or argument, typically a protracted one

[*mass noun*]

- a prolonged armed struggle
- [*mass noun*] a state of mind in which a person experiences a clash of opposing feelings or needs
- a serious incompatibility between two or more opinions, principles, or interests