

Building a Supportive Academic Community Through Virtual Work Groups

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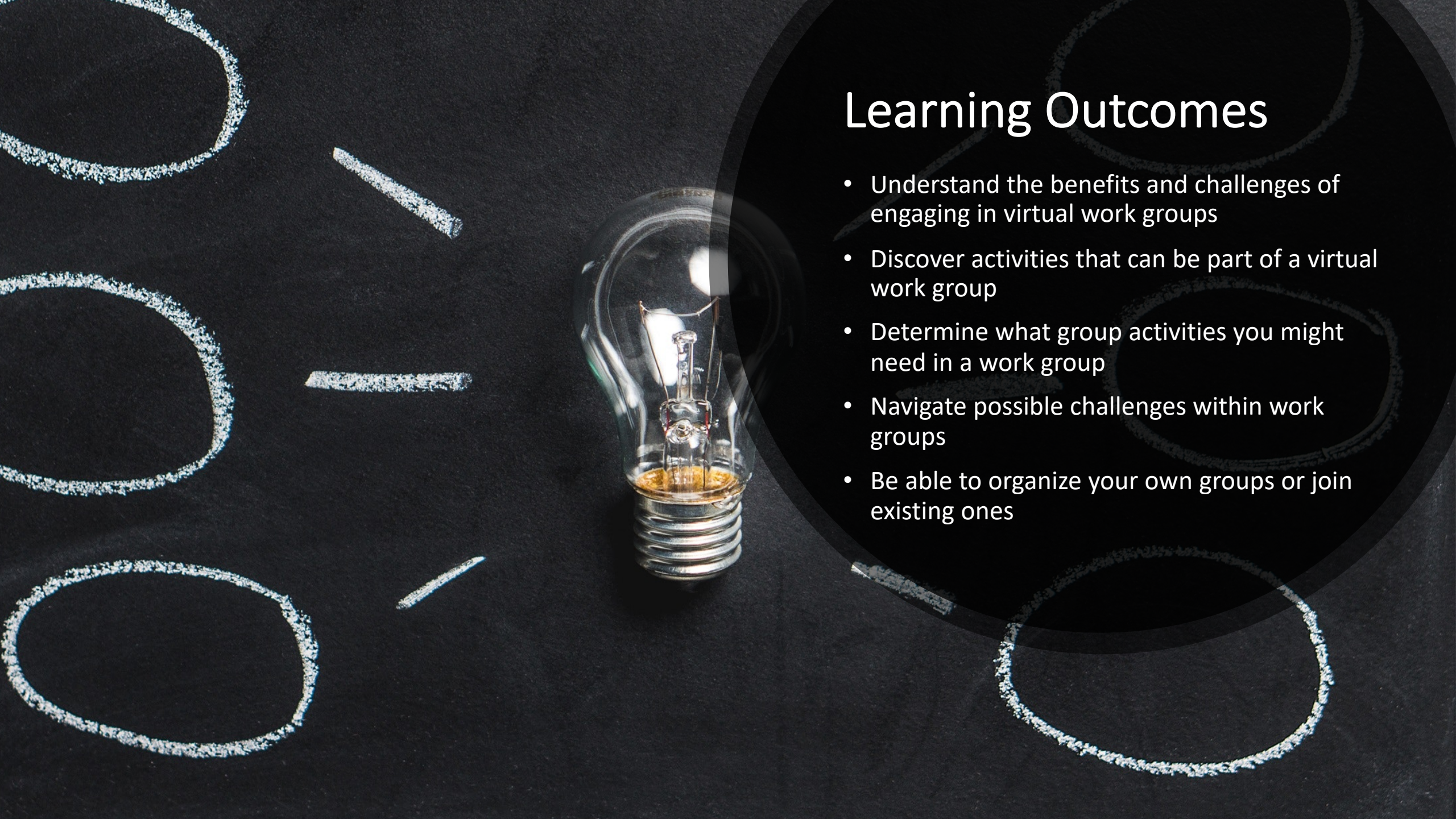
Workshop Materials

Check out http://heatherawoods.ca/JPDS2019 for workshop materials

Workshop Plan

- Introductions
- What are work groups?
- Tools
- Reflection





Learning Outcomes

- Understand the benefits and challenges of engaging in virtual work groups
- Discover activities that can be part of a virtual work group
- Determine what group activities you might need in a work group
- Navigate possible challenges within work groups
- Be able to organize your own groups or join existing ones

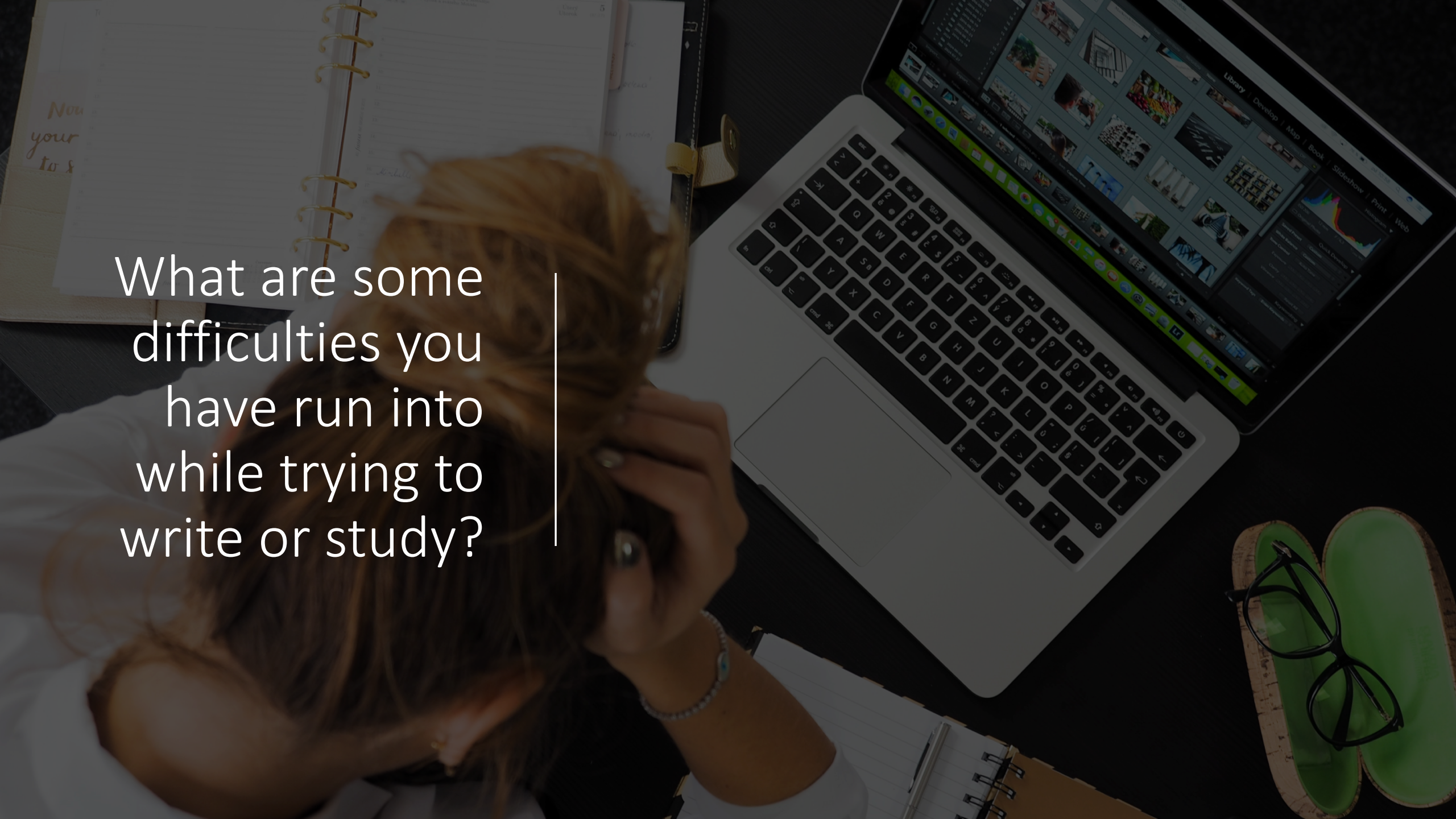


Introductions

In groups of 3-4, each list

- your top 3 academic skills
- one interesting talent

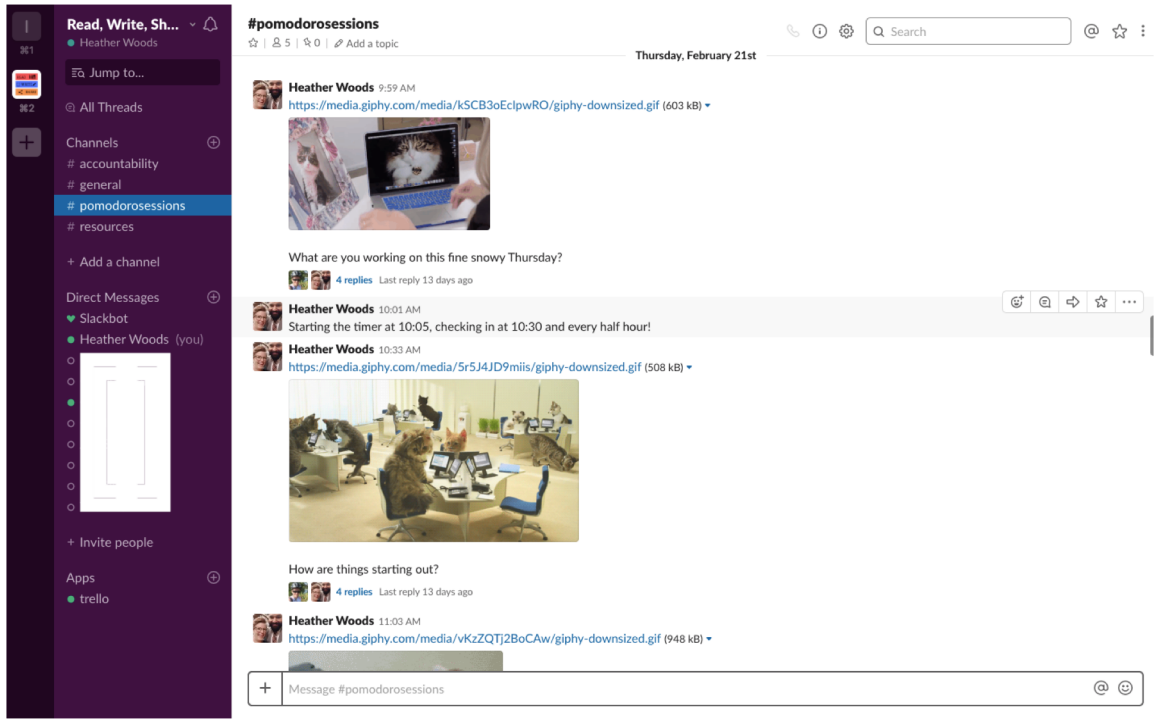
As a group come up with one thing you hope to get out of this workshop (this will be shared with the whole group)

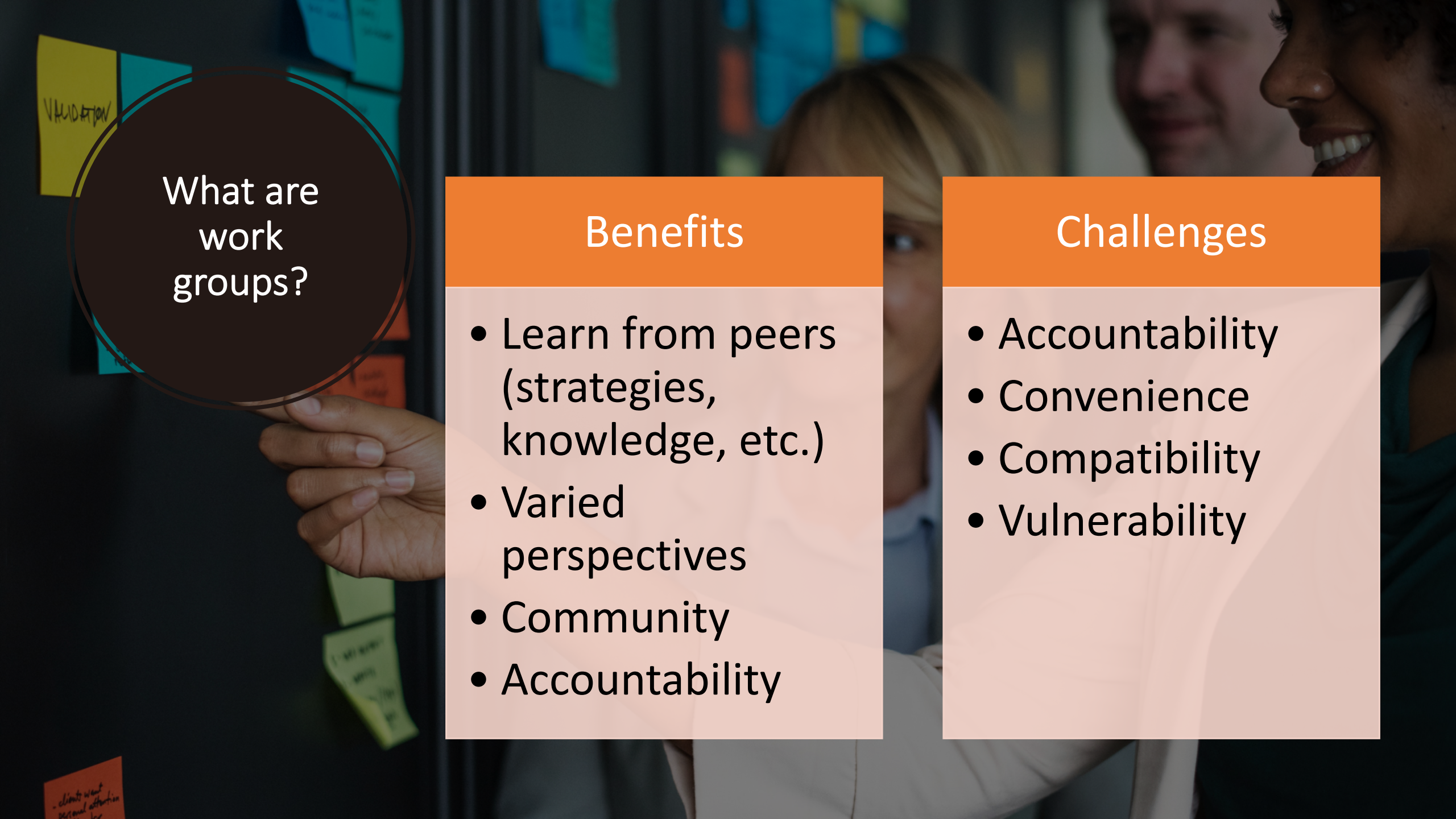


What are some difficulties you have run into while trying to write or study?

Examples


Read, Write, Share
Closed group
About
Discussion
Chats
Announcements
Members
Events
Photos
Moderate Group
Search this group
Shortcuts
Read, Write, Share
Out of the Woods Tuto...
GradBlogger Connect!
UOttawa - PhD Educati...
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December 20, 2018
Thursday's work session! (Dec 20 10-12)
What are you working on this morning?
6 Comments Seen by 13
Like
Comment
View 4 more comments


Read, Write, Sh...
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Jump to...
All Threads
Channels
accountability
general
pomodorosessions
resources
+ Add a channel
Direct Messages
Slackbot
Heather Woods (you)
+ Invite people
Apps
trello
#pomodorosessions
Add a topic
Search
Thursday, February 21st
Heather Woods 9:59 AM
https://media.giphy.com/media/kSCB3oEclpwRO/giphy-downsized.gif (603 kB)
What are you working on this fine snowy Thursday?
4 replies Last reply 13 days ago
Heather Woods 10:01 AM
Starting the timer at 10:05, checking in at 10:30 and every half hour!
Heather Woods 10:33 AM
https://media.giphy.com/media/5r5J4JD9miis/giphy-downsized.gif (508 kB)
How are things starting out?
4 replies Last reply 13 days ago
Heather Woods 11:03 AM
https://media.giphy.com/media/vKzZQTj2BoCAw/giphy-downsized.gif (948 kB)
Message #pomodorosessions



What are work groups?

Benefits

- Learn from peers (strategies, knowledge, etc.)
- Varied perspectives
- Community
- Accountability

Challenges

- Accountability
- Convenience
- Compatibility
- Vulnerability



Overcoming Challenges

- Defined group goal
- Clear expectations
- Compatibility

Tools

- Work group
  - Facebook
  - Slack
  - Twitter
- Accountability
  - Trello
  - Google sheets



Your Work Group



What purpose do you need your work group to serve (e.g., writing or more general)?



What features would you include (e.g., peer review, accountability)?



What guidelines would you want to make for your group?



Resources

- Read Write Share on Slack
  - General work group that meets regularly, no accountability
- Thrive PhD
  - Writing group that meets regularly, accountability tracking
- #SUAW & #ACWRI on Twitter
  - Check in a scheduled times on Twitter

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