

Speech Lab Instructor Name _____

Date: _____

Understanding Working in Small Groups Module (SGM)

Directions: Go to the Speech Lab and ask the lab instructor for the video tape entitled “Understanding Working in Small Groups” by Ron Adler. View the tape while answering the questions below. You must then type the answers. I recommend that you retype the questions as well. When answering, give me as full an answer possible so that I will understand your meaning.

1. Ron Adler stated that he wanted to narrow and focus on one type of group. What did he say this type of group was called?
2. He mentioned two other groups that he was not going to focus on. Name them as well.
3. Adler then conducted two exercises in the class. The first one involved 6 students, and he imposed one rule on them. What did he tell them they could not do?
4. What were they asked to do?
5. Why were they unsuccessful in their first attempt? Give your opinion and that of Adler and his class.
6. In the first exercise, the concept of Role Emergence was discussed. Define and explain it.
7. In the second exercise, he asked five different students to do something. What did he ask them to do?
8. Why was it difficult for them in the first try? What did they do wrong? Explain. Again, I want your opinion.
9. After the second exercise, the concept of Groupthink was discussed. Define and explain it.
10. How was Groupthink a factor in the failure of the group in the second exercise, first try?
11. After watching the video, what communication skills were reinforced to you that are important in group interaction. Explain. (Feel free to incorporate Adler and his students' thoughts as well).