

## Creating Cooperative Cards

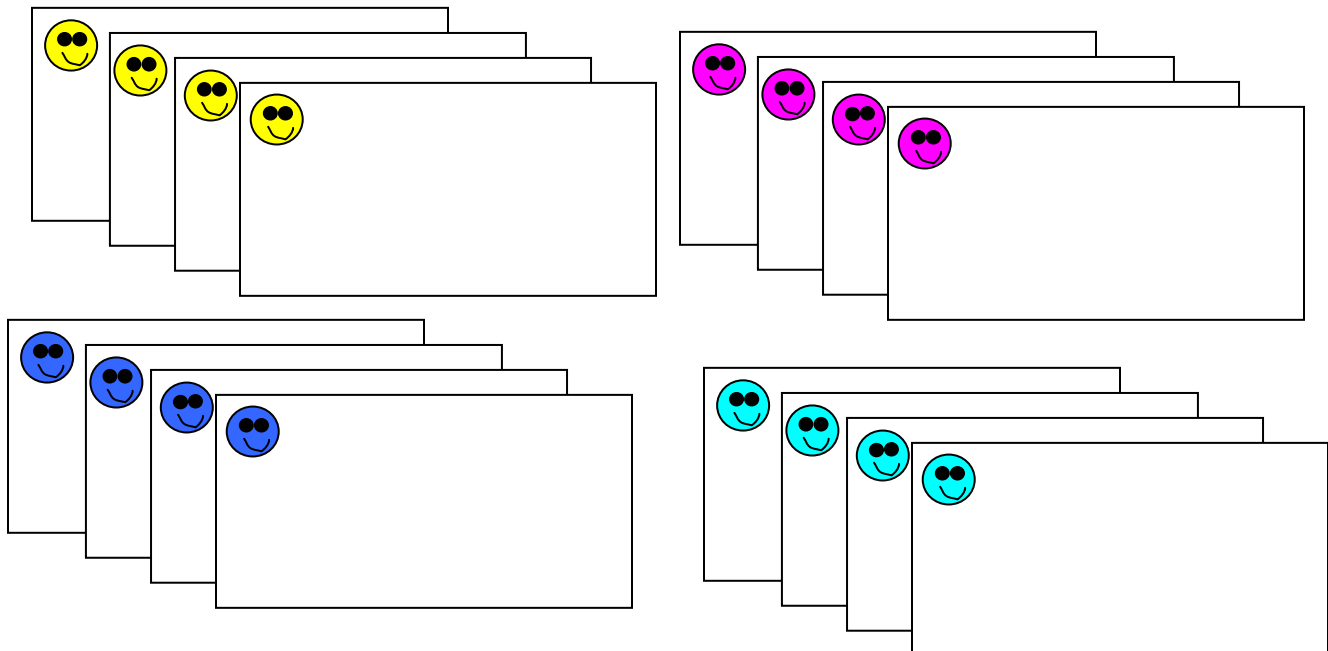
### **Materials:**

- 32 index cards (3 x 5 or 5 x 8)
- 2 or 3 Sets of stickers
  - Ideally there should be 8 different stickers in each set
  - 4 stickers of each type (32 stickers altogether)
- Markers
- Stamps and stamp pads
  - Ideally you need to have at least 8 different stamps
- 1 index card to use as a reference card

### **Directions:**

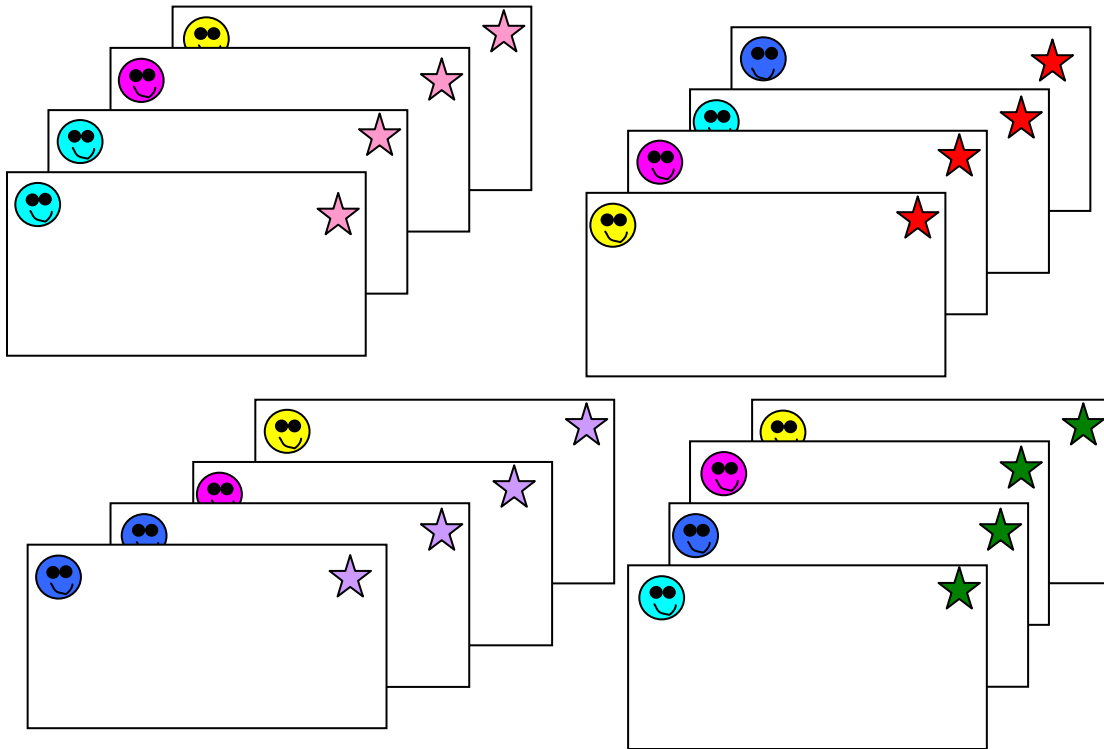
1. Divide the index cards into piles of 4. (Each pile will represent a group of students. The directions for these cards will place students into groups of 4. If you want to create cards that will also place students into groups of 2, 3, or 6 you can either create a new set of cards dividing them differently, or you can pick a corner of this original deck and divide them into the number you want.)
2. Pick your first set of stickers. Start with one type of sticker.
3. Take the first pile of 4 index cards. In the upper-left hand corner place one sticker (of the same type) on each card. Record the sticker type on the Reference card in the left-hand corner.
4. Continue with the remainder of the stickers placing them in the left-hand corner of the remaining cards. Don't forget to record all of the stickers types on the reference card.

This is what your cards should look like:

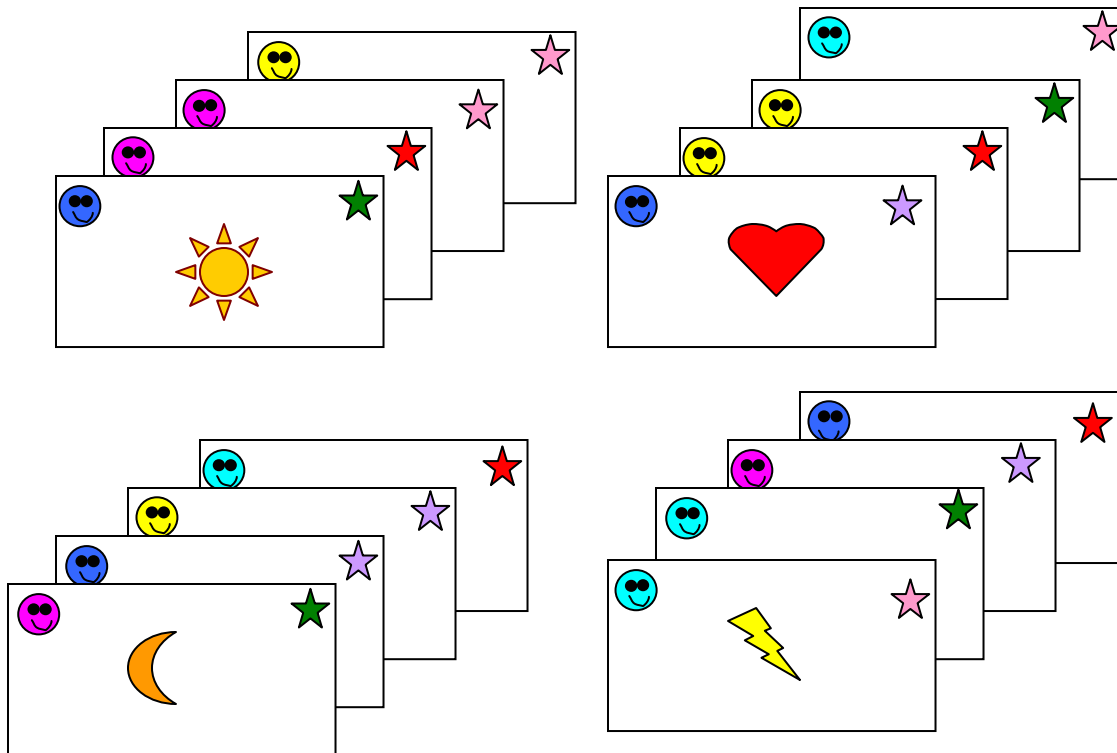


5. When you have stickers on all of the index cards, shuffle the cards. This step allows for the random placement of stickers so that no two cards are the same. Select another set of stickers.
6. Repeat steps 1 through 4 in the right-hand corner of the cards.

Your cards should look something like this:



7. Shuffle the cards again.
8. Repeat the above steps, but this time placing stamps in the center of the cards.



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Continue placing stickers, stamps, words, or numbers in the remaining corners following the above steps.

Example words:

color words

Good Feeling words (ex. Great Job! Super! Wonderful!)

Number words

Holidays

Don't forget to record all of the information on the Reference card. For this example the reference card should look something like this:

<u>Smile faces:</u> yellow blue aqua hot pink	<u>Stamps:</u> Sun Heart Moon Lightning bolt	<u>Stars:</u> pink red purple green
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The reference card allows the teacher to see at a glance what the different groups are and how they are grouped.

Laminate the cards. Create a poster for the Coop Cards Rules:

**Rules for the cards:**

- 1) No swapping of cards. If a student swaps a card, he/she will have to work alone. (or whatever the teacher feels is appropriate for the situation).
- 2) Positive comments ONLY!
- 3) Use inside voices when looking for groups.
- 4) Once the groups are together, find a working place (or if teacher has pre-assigned, find this place).
- 5) **Make one person responsible for turning in the group's cards.**