

The Desert Situation

It is approximately 10 o'clock in the morning on a mid-August day and you have just crash-landed in the Sonoran Desert in the southwestern United States. The light twin-engine plane, containing the bodies of the pilot and co-pilot, has completely burned. Only the airframe remains. The rest of you are uninjured.



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Salvaged Items	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
	Individual Rank	Team Rank	Expert's Rank
Flashlight (4-battery size)			
Jackknife			
Sectional Air Map of the Area			

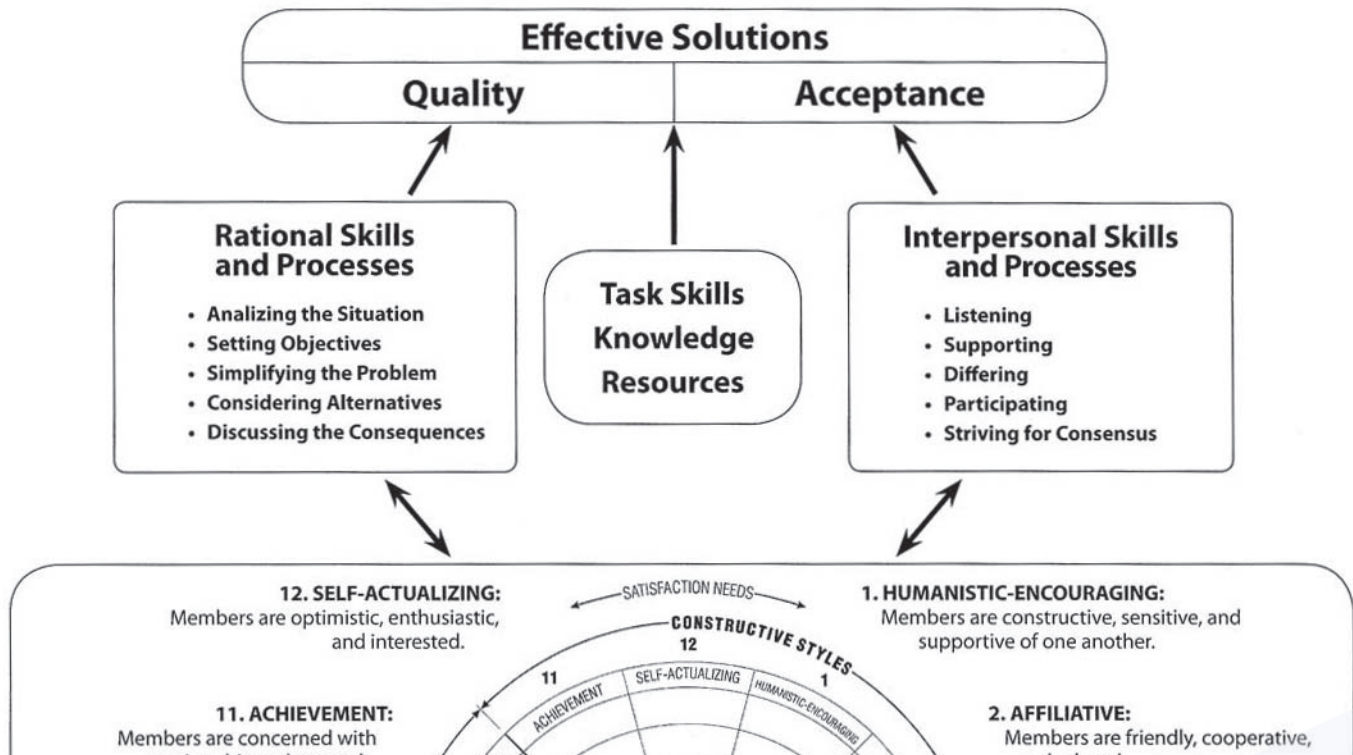


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Synergistic Problem-Solving Model

Synergy occurs when the interactive efforts of two or more people have a greater impact than the sum of their independent efforts. Synergistic problem solving is achieved when groups maximize their use of available resources, knowledge, and task skills by exhibiting constructive (as opposed to defensive) interaction styles. It is further promoted when members approach problems in a rational, interpersonally supportive manner.* The outcome is an effective solution—one that is both accepted by members and of higher quality than their individual solutions.



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