



## What Is This Module About?

Have you ever tried working with a group of people? Was it easy or difficult? How much did you accomplish?

What do you think is the difference between working alone and working with other people?

Some things are done better and faster when people work together in a group. We are all members of a group. We belong to our families. We belong to our communities. We live and work with many different groups of people every day.

Another way we can work with other people to achieve a common objective is by joining a cooperative. Would you like to know more about cooperatives? Then this module would be very useful to you. I'm sure you will find it interesting and learn a lot from it. It has three lessons, namely:

Lesson 1 — *The Importance of Working Together*

Lesson 2 — *The Benefits That Cooperatives Can Give You and Your Community*

Lesson 3 — *Types of Cooperatives*



## What Will You Learn From This Module?

There are two modules written about cooperatives. This is the first one. It will teach you what a cooperative is. The second module, entitled ***How to Form a Cooperative***, will teach you how to start a cooperative, plan its activities and keep it going.

After studying this first module, you should be able to:

- ◆ explain the importance of working with other people toward the common good;
- ◆ explain the benefits that cooperatives can give you and your community; and
- ◆ identify the different types of cooperatives.



## Let's See What You Already Know

Before you start studying this module, take the following test to help you find out how much you already know about the topics to be discussed.

A. Encircle the letter of the correct answer.

1. People working together to achieve a common objective . . .
  - a. will just meddle with each other's affairs and not accomplish anything
  - b. can achieve much if they work hard together toward the common good
  - c. will not get far if they do not have a wealthy member who can provide whatever money they need
  - d. can achieve anything regardless of their attitudes toward each other and toward their work
  
2. There is a great need for a cooperative in communities where . . .
  - a. people are poor and do not have enough means to meet all their needs
  - b. people are employed and able to send their children to school
  - c. public utilities like electricity and water are poorly provided
  - d. there are enough stores selling everyday needs at reasonable prices
  - e. both (a) and (c)
  - f. both (b) and (d)
  
3. Mang Bogart is a casual laborer and does not earn enough to send his children to school. Mang Kiko does not have a job and his family cannot eat three square meals a day. A cooperative can help Mang Bogart and Mang Kiko by . . .
  - a. providing opportunities to improve their livelihood
  - b. training them so they can gain useful skills
  - c. making them envious of the success of other members of the community
  - d. both (a) and (b)

4. Barangay Malayo has only one small store selling items needed every day. Its residents either buy from this one store at high prices or make long trips to the *poblacion* to buy cheaper goods. A cooperative can help Barangay Malayo by . . .
  - a. buying a jeepney which residents can use to go to stores in the *poblacion*
  - b. putting up a store in the community that will sell items at reasonable prices
  - c. building a road that will serve as a short cut to the *poblacion*
  - d. teaching its members to consume less or to make do with less
  
5. The residents of Barangay Sampaguita are skilled at fine embroidery. They get orders from many stores in Manila. However, they do not have enough capital to buy fabric and thread. They have no choice but to get capital from moneylenders who charge very high interests. A cooperative can help Barangay Sampaguita by . . .
  - a. asking moneylenders not to charge high interest
  - b. informing the people about other existing moneylenders who charge lower interest
  - c. lending money to the residents and charging lower and more reasonable interest
  - d. educating the residents about other possible businesses they could invest on

B. Match the activity in Column A with the type of cooperative in Column B. Write the letter of your answer in the blank before each number.

<b>Column A</b>	<b>Column B</b>
_____ 1. Buys and sells goods to both members and nonmembers	a. multi-purpose cooperative
_____ 2. Undertakes two or more business activities similar to those undertaken by other types of cooperatives	b. credit cooperative
_____ 3. Lends money to members and encourages them to put up savings	c. consumers' cooperative
_____ 4. Offers services of different types such as medical, power and transportation	d. producers' cooperative
_____ 5. Produces agricultural and industrial products	e. marketing cooperative
	f. service cooperative



Well, how was it? Do you think you fared well? Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 35–37 to find out.

If all your answers are correct, very good! This shows that you already know much about the topic. You may still study the module to review what you already know. Who knows, you might learn a few more new things as well.

If you got a low score, don't feel bad. This means that this module is for you. It will help you to understand important concepts that you can apply in your daily life. If you study this module carefully, you will learn the answers to all the items in the test and a lot more! Are you ready?

You may go now to the next page to begin Lesson 1.

## The Importance of Working Together

Why is it important for people to learn to work together? What are the advantages of working together compared to working alone? These questions will be answered in this lesson.

After studying Lesson 1, you should be able to:

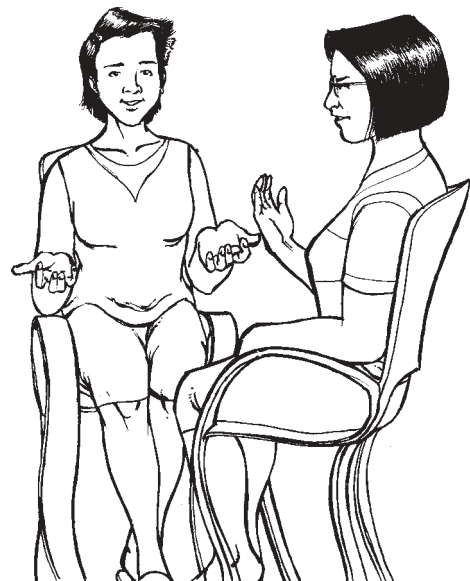
- ◆ explain the importance of working with other people toward the common good; and
- ◆ give examples of situations demonstrating how working together with other people can be more beneficial than working alone.



### Let's Read

The Aguilars and the Marianos have been next-door neighbors for many years. Mr. Aguilar and Mr. Mariano both work at the city hall. Mrs. Aguilar and Mrs. Mariano are both plain housewives. The two families enjoy each other's company. The two mothers chat now and then. One family invites the other family on special occasions.

The two mothers have been worrying about the rising cost of food. Every time they went to the market, they felt that they spent more yet bought less. They decided to do something about this.



Mrs. Mariano noticed that there were many things that both families frequently bought. For example, both of them always had rice, dried fish, vinegar and other condiments in their shopping lists. Mrs. Mariano knew that these items would be cheaper when bought in bulk.

She made a suggestion to Mrs. Aguilar. They would buy these items in big quantities and divide the goods between the two households. That way, they could save money.

They tried Mrs. Mariano's plan for a month. Instead of buying rice by the kilo, they had a *kaban* delivered to them. Instead of buying vinegar and other condiments in small 250-milliliter bottles, they bought these in 2-litre bottles. Then they divided the goods between the two families. At the end of the month, they sat together and computed how much they had saved. They were very pleased to find that each of them had saved ₱150.



Mrs. Aguilar also suggested a way for them to cope with rising prices. Both of them had dressmaking skills. They could supply their neighbor Aling Nene with simple house clothes for her dress stall in the market. They talked to Aling Nene about this and made their first delivery after two months. Between the two of them, they earned a profit of ₱1,000.

The two ladies were very proud of the success of their plans. Their husbands appreciated their efforts to help improve the family income. They were even able to teach their children a thing or two about hard work, thrift and helping one another.



## Let's Review

Review the important points of the story by completing the following sentences.

Mrs. Mariano and Mrs. Aguilar were worried about the rising c\_\_\_\_\_ of food.

Mrs. Mariano had a p\_\_\_\_\_. They would buy goods by the b\_\_\_\_\_ and divide these between them. This way, they would be able to supply their families' basic needs at l\_\_\_\_\_ cost.

After one month, they found out that each of them had s\_\_\_\_\_ ₱150.

The two ladies had dressmaking s\_\_\_\_\_. They supplied the dress stall in the market with simple house clothes.

Their first delivery earned them a p\_\_\_\_\_ of ₱1,000.

Mrs. Mariano and Mrs. Aguilar were happy with their s\_\_\_\_\_. Their husbands also appreciated their e\_\_\_\_\_.

What they did also taught their children about hard w\_\_\_\_\_, t\_\_\_\_\_ and h\_\_\_\_\_ one another.

Go over the words that you wrote in the blanks. These are words that are important in the discussion of cooperatives. You will encounter some of them again in this module and in the second module on cooperatives.

Now, reflect on these questions:

1. Why do you think the plans of Mrs. Mariano and Mrs. Aguilar succeeded?
2. In the end, who benefitted from their success?
3. Could one of them have succeeded without the help of the other?

You don't need to write your answers to these questions but do take time to think about them. After you have thought about them, read the *Answer Key* on pages 37–38.



## Let's Think About This

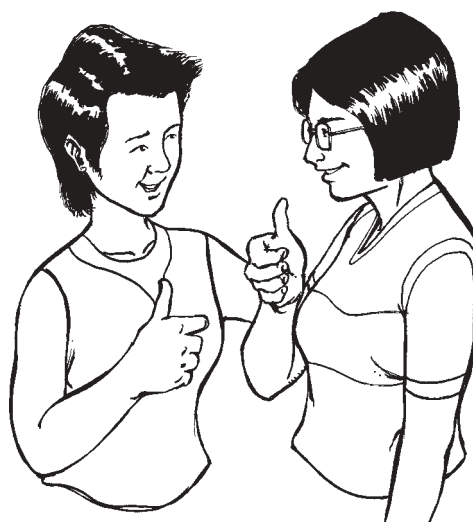
We are often taught by our parents and elders to be self-reliant. They encourage us to fend for ourselves without depending on others for help. But did you know that working together with other people can help us achieve our goals faster and more easily?

When we work together with other people, we share the work that needs to be done. Things can also be done faster and better than when we work by ourselves.

People working together, however, must share a common goal in order for them to successfully reach their objectives. In fact, people with the same objectives *should* work together to make their tasks easier.

In the story that you read, both Mrs. Mariano and Mrs. Aguilar wanted to cope with the rising cost of food. This was their common goal. To achieve their goal, they decided to work together. By working together, they saved some money without having to buy less food. They also used their skills to help them earn extra income. In the end they both achieved their goal.

Could they have succeeded if they worked separately? Perhaps, but it would have been more difficult. For example, what would have happened if Mrs. Aguilar decided to buy by the bulk alone? She would have had to spend for say, a *kaban* of rice, all by herself. She may not have this amount ready at once. However, she shared the cost with Mrs. Mariano. So both of them were able to buy the amount of rice they needed at a cheaper price than if they bought by the kilo.



What about their dressmaking venture? Could Mrs. Aguilar have succeeded just by herself? Let us say that she received a big order of clothes. She would have gotten very tired from working long hours to meet this order. However, she and Mrs. Mariano decided to work together. They were able to deliver the goods on time and both of them earned good money.

By working together, Mrs. Aguilar and Mrs. Mariano were able to improve the lives of their families. They were also able to help each other during a time of need.

What Mrs. Aguilar and Mrs. Mariano did can also be done by a bigger group. Several people with common needs and common goals can work together. They can plan how to achieve their objectives. Then they can carry out this plan together. If they succeed, each member would have helped not only himself/herself but the other members of the group as well.



**Let's Try This**

Think about a problem, a need or an objective that you share with another person. This person may be a sibling, relative or friend. If you were to work with him/her to solve a common problem or achieve a common objective, describe what you would do. How will you share the tasks that need to be done? How can you be sure that your plans can be carried out? If there are costs involved, how will you share these costs? Write down your answers.

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After doing this assignment, compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 38.

This is the end of Lesson 1. Is it now clear to you what working together means? Before you start with Lesson 2, review what you have learned in this lesson.



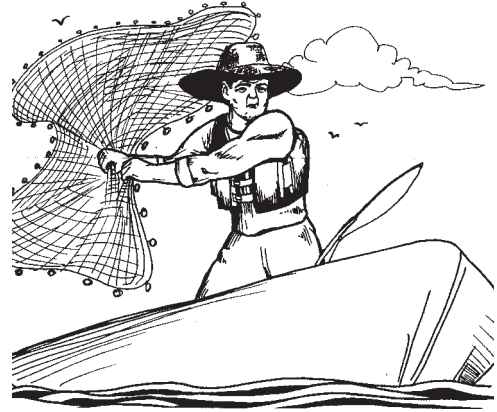


## Let's See What You Have Learned

Read the story below carefully.

Juan, Pedro and Dario are fishermen from Barangay Matubig, Batangas. They grew up together in the same community and are very good friends. Their families are also close with one another.

Juan, Pedro and Dario share the same problem, which is earning enough to meet their families' needs. They only rent their fishing boats from Mr. Chua, who charges them expensively. Their income is reduced into half after paying their boat rental, which makes it difficult for them to save money.



Since the three experience the same problems, they thought of buying a big fishing boat wherein they could all work together. They consulted their families about their plan and their families were very supportive. They all agreed that they should buy a second-hand fishing boat which could be paid monthly. This way, it won't be difficult to pay for the boat.

Their families suggested that in terms of income, they would divide their earnings equally, including the payment for the fishing boat.

Juan, Pedro and Dario were able to buy a boat from Mr. Saliendra. Mr. Saliendra sold his big fishing boat because he wanted to buy a bigger one. He even agreed that he be paid at the end of every month for the boat. The boat was to be paid for three years or even less depending on the income of the three.

Juan, Pedro and Dario weren't the only ones who worked together; their wives also helped them in earning money. Their wives put up a stall near the town to sell some of their husbands' catch. Their wives took turns in a day to look after their goods. They also saved money and deposited it in a bank. Some of the money they earned was used for maintaining their small store.

After five years, Juan, Pedro and Dario were able to buy two additional boats. They were even able to hire new fishermen. Their business expanded. They were able to save money in the bank and provide for the needs of their families.

Another good thing that happened was that their wives' business also grew. Now, they don't only have three stalls in different towns; they also supply fish to restaurants. The fish are in turn supplied by their fisherman husbands.

Every Sunday, the three families gather and have lunch together. Sometimes, they talk about their past when they could barely buy anything.

Answer the following questions.

1. What was the problem of Juan, Pedro and Dario?

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2. How did they solve their problem?

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3. Did their families support their plan? How?

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4. What did their wives do in order to support them?

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5. Explain the importance of working with other people toward a common goal.

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6. Do you think working together made it possible for Juan, Pedro and Dario to improve the quality of their lives? Why or why not?

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You may discuss your answers with your Instructional Manager or Facilitator. You may also discuss these with a member of your family, a friend or a co-learner. Do they agree or disagree? Why or why not?

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You may compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 38–39.



## Let's Remember

- ◆ If people have a common goal, there is a reason for them to work together.
- ◆ In many instances, it helps a lot for people to work together. When they work together, things can be done better and faster. The benefits for the group and for each individual can also be greater.
- ◆ When people work together, they help each other and themselves.

## The Benefits That Cooperatives Can Give You and Your Community

By now, you must have realized how working together can benefit everybody in a group. One group where we can work with other people to achieve a common objective is the cooperative.

In this lesson, you will find out what a cooperative is. You will also learn the benefits that a cooperative can give you and your family.

After studying Lesson 2, you should be able to:

- ◆ define what a cooperative is; and
- ◆ explain the benefits that cooperatives can give you, your family and your community.



Start by reading the story of Buboy on the next page.



## Let's Read



Buboy used to live in an old run-down shanty. He had five children and a sick wife. He worked as an unskilled construction laborer and earned very little.

Danilo, Buboy's friend, was a member of a cooperative where he was being trained to be a cook. Danilo encouraged Buboy to join his cooperative. Through his help, Buboy was able to join the cooperative. There, he met other men and women who wanted to gain skills to improve their livelihood. They all received training to be good cooks. They were also trained on simple business operations so they could run their own eateries.

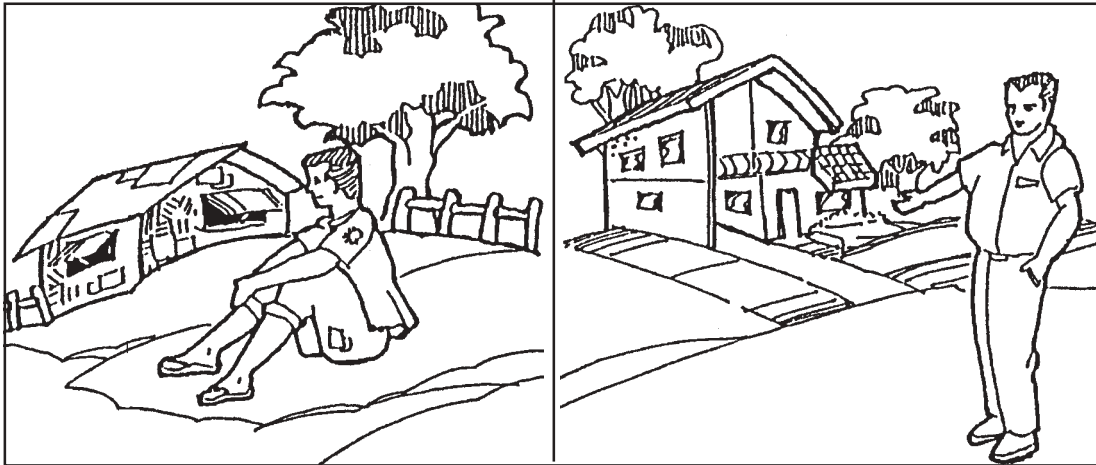
Buboy was also able to borrow ₱5,000, which he used as capital to put up a small eatery located close to a factory. His wife and children helped him with his small business. With what he earned, he was able to pay the monthly installment for his loan and have enough money for their everyday needs. He was even able to save a small amount.

Buboy is a good husband and father. He is prudent, diligent and hardworking. As a member of his cooperative, he is aware of his duties. He makes sure that he pays his monthly dues on time. He is also neat and orderly with himself and his environment.

The eatery business grew. Buboy is now the owner of a small restaurant that makes a daily profit of ₱1,500. His family lives in a comfortable apartment that they rent. He is hoping to save enough for a house and lot of their own. He has a circle of friends who are always ready to help him. Buboy and his family are very happy with the way their life has turned out.



## Let's Review



Review Buboy's story in your mind. Then write down your answers to the following questions:

1. Compare Buboy's situation **before** and **after** he joined a cooperative.

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2. What are the good qualities in Buboy that helped him make progress in life?

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After answering the questions, compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 39. Are your answers correct?

If you were to join a cooperative, you can gain the same benefits that Buboy did. You can learn new and useful skills. You can find better ways of earning a living. If you need capital to start a business, it may be possible for you to borrow from your cooperative. Joining a cooperative can also further develop your good traits, such as diligence and orderliness.

Now, read this story about the town of Pag-asa.



## Let's Read

There used to be no cooperative in the town of Pag-asa. The place lacked order and was dirty. Jobs were rare and incomes were low. People had to walk far to buy their daily needs. The source of electricity was unreliable and there was no running water.



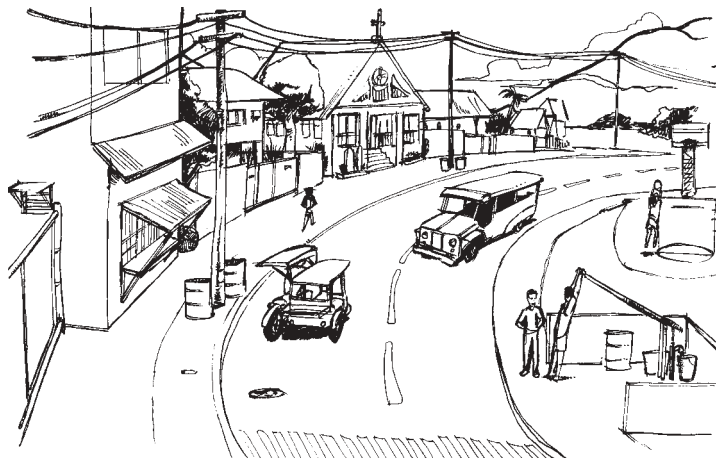
One day, some members of a nongovernment organization (NGO) visited Pag-asa. A government expert on cooperatives came with them. The members of the NGO discussed with the community members what cooperatives are and the benefits these bring. Later, the visitors helped the community form its own cooperative.

The cooperative helped the people find ways to raise their incomes. They learned about different means of livelihood. Some produced goods they could sell. Others put up their own stores. People did not have to walk far anymore to buy the things they needed every day.



The members of the cooperative had duties and they were aware of these. They knew that their cooperative could be of help to them only if they all did their share. They attended meetings, made their payments on time, and helped new members do the same.

The good attitudes that they learned from the cooperative spilled over to the other residents of Pag-asa. They began to work together on projects that concerned their community. They started taking responsibility for cleaning up their surroundings. They worked with the municipal government to have better electric and water systems.





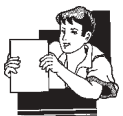
## Let's Review

The following are sentences that describe Pag-asa before and after a cooperative was formed in the community. If a sentence describes a condition before a cooperative was formed, write it under the column labelled "BEFORE." If a sentence describes a condition after a cooperative was formed, write it under the column labelled "AFTER."

1. The town's electric and water systems improved.
2. The surroundings were dirty and the place lacked order.
3. More stores were put up in town.
4. People had better means of livelihood.
5. Few people had jobs. Those who did earned very little.
6. People had to walk far to buy their daily needs.

BEFORE	AFTER

After completing your table, compare it with that found in the *Answer Key* on page 39.



## Let's Learn

We are all members of one or more groups. We are born to our families. As we grow, we realize that we are also members of a community. As members of a group, we learn to find things in common with other members. We get to know them and learn to work together with them.

Another group where we can work with other people to achieve a common objective is the cooperative.



## What is a cooperative?

A cooperative is an organization voluntarily formed by at least 15 members. It is registered with the government. Its members have a common interest or objective. They are convinced that by coming together, they can work toward achieving that objective.

The members put their resources together to come up with the capital required by the cooperative. They also share the risks and benefits of the activities of their cooperative.

## What are the benefits that cooperatives can give you and your community?

As the stories of Buboy and the town of Pag-asa have taught you, cooperatives provide benefits not just for its members but for the community as a whole. These benefits are discussed below. Study each one carefully.



1. The members of a cooperative put their money together to come up with the capital needed by the cooperative. By putting their money into the business of their cooperative, we say that the members **invest** in their cooperative.

What do the members receive by investing in the cooperative?

All members are paid **interest** on the **capital** they have invested. They are given this amount whether or not they patronize the business of their cooperative. To patronize the business of your cooperative is to buy the goods that it sells or use the services that it offers.

Now, when a member patronizes the business of his/her cooperative, he/she is given a **patronage refund**. The amount of his/her patronage refund depends on how much he/she has spent on the goods and services offered by his/her cooperative. For example, if he/she is a member of a consumers' cooperative, his/her patronage refund depends on how much he/she spent on the goods sold by the cooperative store. If he/she is a member of a credit cooperative, his/her patronage refund is bigger the more loans he/she gets. He/She must bear in mind of course, that he/she must be diligent with his/her payments. Members who do not patronize the business of their cooperative are not entitled to a patronage refund.

A member's patronage refund is usually given once a year, and is his/her share of the cooperative's profits. The profits of a cooperative are used for many purposes. Some are used for the education and training of its members while some are used for the patronage refunds.



2. Cooperatives also provide **opportunities** for their members to **be further educated or trained**.

What will they learn?

They can be taught new skills or crafts, or the basics of simple business operations. For example, Buboy learned cooking well enough to start his own eatery. Thus, there are also opportunities for members to improve their means of livelihood. Better means of livelihood can mean higher income for the members. If people have higher incomes, they are better able to look after the needs of their own families.



A community that has members who can look after their own families is a progressive community.

3. Cooperatives aim to offer **products and services that are of good quality and are reasonably priced**. This benefits not only the members but also nonmembers who patronize the business of the cooperative. In this way, the cooperative also serves the community. People do not have to spend well-earned money on goods that are too expensive or are of poor quality.



4. There are many **good values and attitudes** that members can learn from a cooperative. They can learn these by participating in its activities. They can also learn these from the education and training they receive.

Can you name some of these values and attitudes?

Members are encouraged to be thrifty and to save. They become self-reliant and they learn self-discipline. Members also work together not just for their own good but also for the good of all. They learn to work with and help other people.

Because of these values and attitudes, members become better members of their communities. They become more concerned about the welfare of their communities. In the end, the good traits that members gain benefit not only themselves but also the entire community.

Do you now appreciate the benefits that a cooperative can give you and your family? You may wish to take down some notes to help you remember important points in this lesson.



## Let's Review

Write **T** if the sentence is true and **F** if it is not. Write your answers in the blanks.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A cooperative is an organization voluntarily formed by 5 members. Its members have no common interest or objective.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A cooperative requires a *capital* which will be used for its programs and services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Members of the cooperative are paid *interest* on the capital they have invested.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A *patronage refund* is the *interest* a member receives once a year from the cooperative if he/she patronizes the business of his/her cooperative.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Members who don't patronize the business of their cooperative also receive a *patronage refund* which is less than that of a member who patronizes the cooperative's business.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Cooperatives provide opportunities for their members to be further educated or trained.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Cooperatives aim to earn money from consumers without considering the quality of their products and services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Participating in a cooperative would enable members to learn more good values and attitudes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Members of a cooperative are taught to be dependent on the cooperative.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. A cooperative is only beneficial to some people in the community.

Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 40.



## Let's Try This

1. Inspect your own community. Observe its social, economic and environmental conditions and identify problem areas. Write down your observations.

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2. Find out if there is a cooperative in your community. Do you think a cooperative would be beneficial to you and your community? In what ways? Write down your answers.

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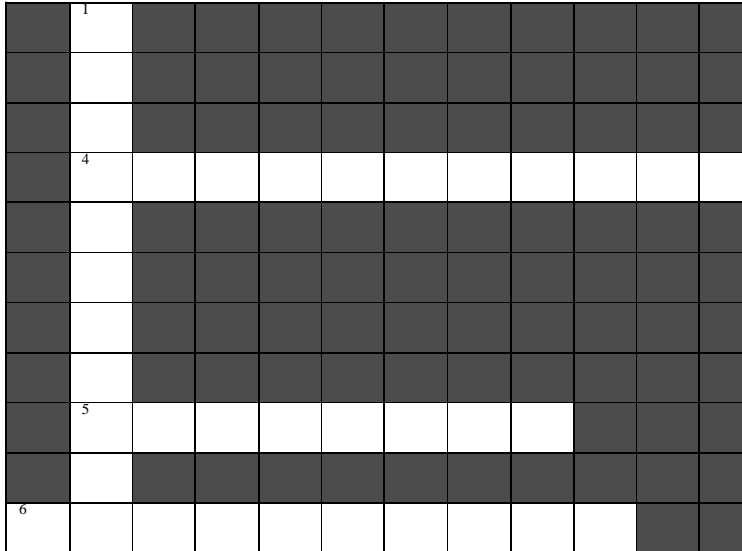
After answering this activity, compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 40–41.

This is the end of Lesson 2. Do you now have a clear idea of what a cooperative is? Are you interested in joining one? Before going to the last lesson, review what you have just studied by answering the test and reading the lesson summary.



## Let's See What You Have Learned

So, what did you learn from the lesson? Try to solve the crossword puzzle below in order to find out.



### ***Across:***

- (4) A member who patronizes the business of his/her cooperative is given this. The amount he/she will receive depends on how much he/she has spent on the goods and services offered by his/her cooperative.
- (5) The members are given this amount whether or not they patronize the business of their cooperative.
- (6) A cooperative should be \_\_\_\_\_ with the government.

### ***Down:***

- (1) It is an organization voluntarily formed by at least 15 members. Its members have a common interest or objective.
- (2) Cooperatives aim to offer products and services that are of good \_\_\_\_\_ and are reasonably priced.
- (3) Members of cooperatives are provided opportunities to be \_\_\_\_\_ and trained.

Did you enjoy answering the crossword puzzle? You may compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on page 41.



## Let's Remember

- ◆ A cooperative is a registered organization voluntarily formed by at least 15 members. These members work toward achieving a common objective.
- ◆ The members of a cooperative put their money together to raise capital for the cooperative. They also share the risks and benefits of the undertakings of the cooperative.
- ◆ These are the most important benefits of a cooperative to an individual and to the community:
  - a. Cooperatives can offer opportunities to its members to earn more income. Members receive interest on the capitals they have invested. If they avail of the goods and services of the cooperative, they also receive a patronage refund.
  - b. Cooperatives also offer opportunities for education and training. In this way, members can improve their means of livelihood.
  - c. Cooperatives serve their members and the community by offering quality goods and services at reasonable prices.
  - d. There are good values and attitudes that members can learn from their cooperatives. Some of these are discipline, self-reliance, thrift and working together for the common good. These good values and attitudes benefit not only the individual but also his cooperative and community.

## Types of Cooperatives

You now know what a cooperative is and how it can benefit you and your community. The next thing that you should be familiar with are the types of cooperatives that you can form or join.

After studying Lesson 3, you should be able to:

- ◆ identify and describe the different types of cooperatives; and
- ◆ give examples of the activities of the different types of cooperatives.



### Let's Read

One Sunday, Professor Luna visits Barangay Concordia. The residents greet her warmly.



**Professor Luna:** Good afternoon to all of you!

**Barangay residents:** Good afternoon, ma'am. Welcome to our barangay!

**Mang Cardo:** Professor Luna, we are glad that you can spend some time with us. We are also fortunate because *Kapitan* Joe is here with us.

- Professor Luna:** That's great! How are you today, *Kapitan* Joe? May I congratulate all of you for preparing the barangay hall for our meeting. I brought with me some reading materials on cooperatives. I also have some posters. Can you please post them at the hall entrance? Oh, I see that you already have some materials here. Have you read them?
- Kapitan:*** Most of them, ma'am. One of the teachers in our high school also explained them to our residents.
- Professor Luna:** That's great! Now you are really helping each other. Do you have questions about what you have read so far?
- Aling Maura:** Ma'am, is there only one type of cooperative? I learned from the radio that some cooperatives lend money to their members. My relatives from another province tell me that they have a transport cooperative there. Why, it looks like there are many types of cooperatives!
- Professor Luna:** That's right, Aling Maura. There are many types of cooperatives.... Wait a minute, isn't that *Kapitan* Marco coming? He is the barangay captain of Barangay Mapalad. *Kapitan! Kapitan!*
- Kapitan* Marco:** Good day to all of you! How are you, Professor Luna?
- Professor Luna:** I'm fine, thank you. *Kapitan* Marco, they have some questions about the different types of cooperatives. Perhaps you can help them?
- Kapitan* Marco:** Gladly! Ladies and gentlemen, I am happy that you want to learn more about cooperatives. The cooperative established in my own barangay, Barangay Mapalad, is a marketing cooperative. It sells the palay harvested by its members. Do you know that with an initial investment of ₱50,000, a cooperative can earn a profit of ₱20,000? Its members share this profit among themselves.
- Mang Ruben:** What a remarkable cooperative you have!
- Kapitan* Marco:** Thank you. Now, let me tell you about the different types of cooperatives. You can also read about them from the Cooperative Code of the Philippines, or Republic Act No. 6938. It was signed into law in 1990 by former President Corazon Aquino. This law gives us the rules we should follow in forming a cooperative.



**Professor Luna:** Are you all ready to listen to Kapitan Marco?

**Kapitan Marco:** Thank you, Professor Luna. The different types of cooperatives are:

### **Credit Cooperative**

A credit co-op encourages thrift, saving and wise spending among its members. It puts together deposits from members and lends money to them at reasonable interest rates. Members usually borrow money for their businesses or for other needs, such as education and medical care.



### **Consumers' Cooperative**

A consumers' co-op is a good answer to rising prices and poor quality of goods and services. Members work together to provide themselves and even nonmembers with quality goods and services at reasonable prices. They contact suppliers directly and buy items by the bulk.

### **Producers' Cooperative**

The members of a producers' cooperative help each other in buying raw materials and equipment. They also study and improve their production techniques to ensure the quality of their products. They may also look for ways to better market or sell their products. Members usually engage in either agricultural or industrial production.

### **Marketing Cooperative**

Some producers such as small farmers are often not business-minded and do not know how to sell their products. The main concern of a marketing cooperative is to help its members sell or market their products. It also helps its members get the supplies they need for the production of their goods.



### **Service Cooperative**

A service cooperative provides its members and even nonmembers essential services such as medical and dental care, hospitalization, transportation, communication, insurance and electric power.

### **Multi-purpose Cooperative**

This co-op is involved in two or more business activities that are undertaken by the other types of cooperatives.

**Professor Luna:** Thank you very much, *Kapitan*. I hope the residents of this barangay are happy with what you have shared with them.

***Kapitan Joe:*** Thank you, *Kapitan* Marco and Professor Luna. Both of you have given us much information about cooperatives. We hope we can use it to form our own cooperative. In the meantime, it looks like our *merienda* is ready. My friends, while we are taking our snacks, you may still ask Professor Luna and *Kapitan* Marco some questions.

Did you carefully read what was discussed during the meeting? They discussed important things that you should try to remember about cooperatives. If you think that you need to take down some notes to help you remember, do so on a piece of paper, or better still, in a notebook.



## Let's Review

Using what you have just learned, identify the type of cooperative described in each paragraph below. Write your answers in the blanks.

1. This cooperative sets up a store selling different kinds of goods. An amount of money is collected from each member. The cooperative uses this money to buy goods it can sell. It also rents store space in the house of one of its members. Any member may go to the store to buy things that are needed by his family. What type of cooperative is this?

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2. This cooperative manages an automotive or car repair shop. From the money the members raised as capital for business, they bought some machines and equipment. Members who are skilled in automotive and body repair man the shop, following a schedule they have agreed on. What type of cooperative is this?

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3. A family owns a large parcel of land in a certain barangay. Before migrating to the United States, they accepted the offer of a group of small farmers who wanted to lease several hectares of their land. This group planted the land with palay, vegetables and fruits. They also raised some chickens. They then found ways to sell their products. What type of cooperative is this?

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Check your answers using the *Answer Key* on page 41. Were you able to identify the cooperatives described in the paragraphs? If you have identified all three correctly, nice going! If not, just review what *Kapitan* Marco taught the barangay residents. Things should be clearer to you by then.



## Let's Try This

Now, try describing the other types of cooperatives. Can you give examples of their activities, such as those described in the paragraphs that you have just read in the *Let's Review* activity on page 27?

Do this for two types of cooperatives. Use the space below.

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Compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 41–42.



## Let's Think About This

By now, it must be clear to you that **cooperatives have things in common**. They are voluntarily formed by a group of persons who have a common objective. Through the cooperative, they achieve this objective and work for the good of all.

**How do cooperatives differ?** Cooperatives differ in the kind of activities that they undertake. These depend on the specific objective that the members try to meet. You may have observed this after reading the talk of *Kapitan Marco*.

For example, credit co-ops lend money that can be used for business and other needs. Consumers' co-ops sell goods and products to members and nonmembers. Producers' co-ops help their members buy the things they need for production. Marketing co-ops find ways for their members to sell their products and get good money for them. Service cooperatives offer services needed every day, such as medical, transportation and electric power services.

These different types of cooperatives have different activities. However, they are all groups with members working on a common objective.

This is the end of Lesson 3. When somebody asks you about cooperatives, you should be able to tell him/her what you know about the types of cooperatives. You should also be able to discuss the objectives and activities of each type.



## Let's See What You Have Learned

Describe each type of cooperative given below.

1. Credit Cooperative

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2. Consumers' Cooperative

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3. Producers' Cooperative

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4. Marketing Cooperative

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5. Service Cooperative

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## 6. Multi-purpose Cooperative

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You may compare your answers with those in the *Answer Key* on pages 42–43.

Review what you have learned in this lesson by reading the summary below.



### Let's Remember

- ◆ All cooperatives are similar in that the members work together to achieve a common objective. They differ in the specific objectives they try to achieve and the activities that they undertake.
- ◆ The different types of cooperatives are:
  1. Credit cooperatives
  2. Consumers' cooperatives
  3. Producers' cooperatives
  4. Marketing cooperatives
  5. Service cooperatives
  6. Multi-purpose cooperatives

You have reached the end of this module! I hope you had a nice time getting to know all about cooperatives. Another module, titled ***How to Form a Cooperative***, will teach you how you may go about forming your own cooperative. We hope you will be interested in studying that, too.

Go over what you have learned in this module by reading the summary on the next page.



## Let's Sum Up

- ◆ In many instances, it helps a lot for people with a common goal to work together. When they work together, things are done better and faster. The benefits for the group and each individual can also be greater. When people work together, they help each other and themselves.
- ◆ A cooperative is a registered organization voluntarily formed by at least 15 members. These members put their resources together to raise the capital and other requirements of the cooperative. They also have a share in the earnings and benefits of the cooperative.
- ◆ These are the most important benefits of a cooperative to an individual and to the community:
  1. Cooperatives can provide opportunities for earning more income to its members.
  2. Cooperatives also offer opportunities for education and training.
  3. Cooperatives serve its members and the community by offering quality goods and services at reasonable prices.
  4. There are good values and attitudes that members can learn from their cooperatives. These traits benefit the individual, cooperative and community.
- ◆ All cooperatives are similar in that members work together to achieve a common objective. They differ in the specific objectives they try to achieve and the activities that they undertake. The different types of cooperatives are:
  1. Credit cooperatives
  2. Consumers' cooperatives
  3. Producers' cooperatives
  4. Marketing cooperatives
  5. Service cooperatives
  6. Multi-purpose cooperatives

As the last activity of this module, answer the test on the next page. It will help you find out how much you have learned from the three lessons of the module.



## What Have You Learned?

Encircle the letter of the correct answer.

1. In a cooperative, the members help each other and . . .
  - a. forget about achieving their personal objectives
  - b. also achieve their personal objectives for joining the cooperative
  - c. get nothing for themselves
  - d. both (a) and (c)
2. A cooperative can be helpful in communities where . . .
  - a. the only source of capital for small businesses are moneylenders who charge very high interests
  - b. there are not enough stores selling everyday needs at reasonable prices
  - c. farmers find it difficult to buy good farm equipment and supplies at reasonable prices
  - d. all of the above
3. Which of the following does not describe a cooperative?
  - a. It is a registered organization composed of at least 15 members.
  - b. The members have a common objective.
  - c. The members were required by their mayors to join the cooperative.
  - d. The members put their resources together to raise the capital of the cooperative.
4. Who are entitled to receive a patronage refund?
  - a. All members of a cooperative.
  - b. Members who avail of the goods and services that the cooperative offers, or members who patronize the business of their cooperative.
  - c. Members who attend all the meetings of the cooperative.
  - d. Members and nonmembers who avail of the goods and services of a cooperative.
5. Which of the following describes a patronage refund?
  - a. It is the money the cooperative gives you when you return a defective product.
  - b. It is the interest on the capital a member has invested in the cooperative.



- c. It is a member's share of the profits of his cooperative, which he receives if he/she avails of the goods and services offered by his/her cooperative.
  - d. It is the money earned by a member after he/she has been trained on a useful skill in the cooperative.
6. The tricycle and jeepney drivers in the *poblacion* of San Lucas earn well from their trade. However, when their vehicles break down, they spend a lot of money to get them fixed. The two repair shops in the *poblacion* charge high rates and do not even have stocks of all the spare parts the drivers need. A cooperative can help the tricycle and jeepney drivers by . . .
- a. helping them move to another place where there are good repair shops
  - b. putting up its own repair shop where repairs are reasonably priced
  - c. getting spare parts directly from the suppliers at cheaper prices
  - d. both (b) and (c)
7. When the members of a cooperative learn values such as self-reliance and hard work, the community benefits too. How?
- a. The members of the cooperative are also members of the community. The values that they learn from their cooperatives also help them become better members of their community.
  - b. The cooperative forces its members to participate in community activities.
  - c. The cooperative offers values education courses at the local high school.
  - d. both (b) and (c)
8. The residents of Barangay Matamis are skilled in making *pastillas* and other sweet native delicacies. Once a week, middlemen visit their barangay and buy their products. Making these products need care and dedication so they wonder why they are paid very little for their delicacies. They decide to form a cooperative to help them find buyers willing to pay better prices. This type of cooperative is called a . . .
- a. producers' cooperative
  - b. marketing cooperative
  - c. candy cooperative
  - d. consumers' cooperative

9. The town of Caminar is known for its excellent shoemakers. They get big orders from many stores in Manila. However, it seems that they always lack production supplies such as leather, buckles and dyes. They also want to improve the styles of their shoes so they can sell them to exporters. The shoemakers decide to form a cooperative that will get them reliable supplies at lower prices. It will also help them get equipment and machines that will improve the quality of their shoes. This type of cooperative is called a . . .
- producers' cooperative
  - marketing cooperative
  - shoe cooperative
  - consumers' cooperative
10. Cooperatives offer opportunities for education and training to its members so that . . .
- they can improve their skills and have better means of livelihood
  - they can learn the basics of running a small business
  - they will learn to be self-reliant and hardworking
  - all of the above

Check your answers using the *Answer Key* on pages 43–44.

If your score is:

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| 0 – 5 | You should carefully study the entire module again.                                      |
| 6 – 7 | You should go back to the parts of the module that you did not understand.               |
| 8 – 9 | Very good! Just review the items of the test that you did not get right.                 |
| 10    | Excellent! You have learned a lot from this module. You can now move on to the next one. |



## Answer Key

### A. Let's See What You Already Know (pages 2–4)

- A. 1. The correct answer is letter **(b)**. People working together for a common objective would naturally want to achieve that objective. They can do this if they work hard together and think of the common good.

Letter (a) is wrong. People with a common objective will not do things that will prevent them from achieving their objectives. One of these is meddling with each other's affairs.

Letter (c) is wrong. They can put their money or resources together to raise the amount that they need. This is an undertaking common to all cooperatives.

Letter (d) is wrong. Even if a group of people have a common goal, they would not be able to accomplish it if they always disagree on how to reach their objectives or are too lazy to carry out their tasks. The proper attitude is always important for anyone or any group to accomplish anything.

2. The correct answer is **(e)** — both (a) and (c). Cooperatives are most helpful in communities where people's needs are not met. Usually, these are employment opportunities (a) and everyday needs like food, shelter, electricity and water (c).

Letters (b), (d) and (f) are not very good answers. The two groups of people described in (b) and (d) do not seem to have a great and urgent need. One group is composed of those who are employed and can send their children to school (b). The other group is composed of those living in places where there are stores selling everyday needs at reasonable prices (d). Actually, there is nothing that can stop these people from forming cooperatives to further improve their conditions. However, cooperatives are **most helpful** in communities where people have a common **great** need.

3. The correct answer is **(d)** — both (a) and (b). Both Mang Bogart and Mang Kiko find it hard to look after the needs of their families because they do not earn enough. One goal of all cooperatives is to help their members earn higher incomes. They can do this by providing opportunities to improve their livelihood (a) and training them so they can gain useful skills (b).

Letter (c) is wrong. Cooperatives do not encourage their members to be envious of the success of other people.

4. The correct answer is **(b)**. The people of Barangay Malayo need stores from which they can buy their everyday needs at reasonable prices. One way for a cooperative to solve this problem would be to put up stores that sell everyday items. This is actually done by consumers' cooperatives, and many people are attracted to these cooperatives.

Letters (a) and (c) are not good answers. Stores that sell **everyday needs** are best located **within** the community. Having a jeepney for the **long rides** to the poblacion is not the best solution to the problem. Neither is building a shortcut to the stores in the *poblacion*.

Letter (d) is not a good answer. A cooperative helps improve the lives of its members not make life harder for them. It is difficult enough for the members of Barangay Malayo to get enough basic necessities, much more make do with less.

5. The correct answer is letter **(c)**. One type of cooperative is the *credit cooperative* which could lend money to people or other organizations at reasonable interests. This type of cooperative encourages people to establish their business through financial support by lending money.

Letter (a) is not a good answer. Cooperatives won't solve the problem of Barangay Sampaguita by asking moneylenders to charge lower interests. This is because a cooperative doesn't have any control over these moneylenders.

Letter (b) is also not a good answer. Informing people about existing moneylenders which charge lower interests does not exactly solve the problem. A cooperative, such as a *credit cooperative*, would primarily provide the needed services of a consumer or client. This is done through processing loan applications.

Letter (d) is incorrect. Cooperatives encourage people to attain their objectives. If a people's organization or a group in the community is seen to have potential for a certain business, cooperatives help these people to be successful in this business. The cooperative may help through giving loans, through marketing and many more ways.

- B. 1 (c) consumers' cooperative
2. (a) multi-purpose cooperative
3. (b) credit cooperative
4. (f) service cooperative
5. (d) producers' cooperative

## B. Lesson 1

*Let's Review (pages 6–7)*

The completed sentences should read as follows:

Mrs. Mariano and Mrs. Aguilar were worried about the rising cost of food.

Mrs. Mariano had a plan. They would buy goods by the bulk and divide these between them. This way, they would be able to supply their families' basic needs at lower cost.

After one month, they found out that each of them saved ₱150.

The two ladies had dressmaking skills. They supplied the dress stall in the market with simple house clothes.

Their first delivery earned them a profit of ₱1,000.

Mrs. Mariano and Mrs. Aguilar were happy with their success. Their husbands also appreciated their efforts.

What they did also taught their children about hard work, thrift and helping one another.

Answers to reflection questions:

1. You may have observed that Mrs. Mariano and Mrs. Aguilar had several good traits. These traits helped them to carry out their plans and succeed. Notice that when both of them saw a problem, they thought of a plan to solve the problem. They did not let the problem discourage them. They planned carefully and worked hard to carry out their plans. They knew that if they succeeded, they would be helping both their families.
2. In the end, both of them and their families benefitted from their success.

3. Perhaps either one of them could have succeeded without the help of the other. However, it would have been harder, would have taken longer, and the benefits may not have been as many. By working together, the tasks were easier and done faster, and they were able to get more benefits.

*Let's Try This (page 8)*

Surely, you can think of a number of problems or needs that you can work on with other people. For example, you may have noticed that your household waste is piling up. You became interested in building a compost pit in your backyard. You asked your older brother to help you and he agreed.

The first thing that you might do is to find out if a compost pit will really be helpful to your household. Will it help reduce your household waste? If it will, you have to find out how to make one. What materials do you need? Do you have to spend for them? How big an area do you need? How is a compost pit maintained? Are there tasks that you have to do every day?

The next thing that you might do is to discuss how you will share the tasks. What tasks can your older brother do better? What tasks can you do better? How will you make sure that both you and your brother work on your assignments? If there are materials that you have to buy, you have to find out if you have the money for them. If you do not have the money, you have to talk about how you would raise the amount together.

*Let's See What You Have Learned (pages 9–11)*

1. Juan, Pedro and Dario's problem was their lack of income. They found it difficult to provide for the needs of their families.
2. The three of them bought a second-hand fishing boat that they were able to pay in installments.
3. Yes, their families supported their husbands' plan. Their families even suggested that their income be equally divided among the three.
4. The wives of Juan, Pedro and Dario put up a stall near the town in order to sell some of the fish caught by their husbands.
5. There is a saying which goes, "Two heads are better than one." This saying simply means that it is easier to accomplish any given task if there is cooperation with other people. Furthermore, if people work toward a common goal, they argue less and accomplish more.

Working with other people can make our work easier. We are able to attain our goals because people we know or people who could help us support us. We are able to see better options on how to attain our goals.

Working together, however, doesn't mean that we should be dependent on others to do our work for us. We should take note of our responsibility to do whatever we can to get what we want to attain.

Look at the ants, they all work together. But you would see that each ant has its own task — some collect food while others look for food. As a consequence, they all have something to eat during the rainy days.

6. Yes, working together helped improve the lives of Juan, Pedro and Dario. They started working together by planning on how to solve their problem. This led to further cooperation, which eventually helped them pay for the fishing boat they bought from Mr. Saliendra. As a result, they were even able to buy two additional fishing boats and even establish their own fishing business.

### C. Lesson 2

*Let's Review (page 14)*

1. Before Buboy joined a cooperative, he lived in an old run-down shanty. He was an unskilled construction laborer and earned very little. He could not provide for his five children and sick wife. After he joined a cooperative, he learned to cook well enough to open an eatery. Together with his family, he worked patiently on his business. He now has a restaurant that makes a daily profit of ₱1,500. He and his family have moved to an apartment that they rent. They are saving for a house and lot of their own. Buboy also has a circle of friends who are ready to help him.
2. Buboy is prudent, diligent and hardworking. He cares for the welfare of his family. He does his duties as a member of his cooperative. He is also neat and orderly with himself and his environment.

*Let's Review (page 16)*

The completed table should be like this:

<b>BEFORE</b>	<b>AFTER</b>
2. The surroundings were dirty and the place lacked order.	1. The town's electric and water systems improved.
5. Few people had jobs. Those who did earned very little.	3. More stores were put up in town.
6. People had to walk far to buy their daily needs.	4. People had better means of livelihood.

*Let's Review (page 19)*

1. **F** - A cooperative is an organization voluntarily formed by at least 15 members. Its members have a common interest or objective.
2. **T** - The *capital* is the money invested by the members of the cooperative which will be used for the co-op's programs and services.
3. **T** - The members of the cooperative are given *interest* by the end of the year in return for the investment they made in their co-op.
4. **T** - A *patronage refund* is the interest a member receives once a year from the cooperative if he/she patronizes the business of his/her cooperative.
5. **F** - The members who receive a *patronage refund* are the only members who patronize the co-op's business or service. For example, in a credit cooperative, if the member has been making loans and has been able to pay his/her loans on time, he/she will receive a *patronage refund*.
6. **T** - Cooperatives aim to provide opportunities for their members to be further educated or trained.
7. **F** - A cooperative should aim to provide quality products and services to its members. This is because it encourages people to patronize its products and services.
8. **T** - Participating in a cooperative would enable members to learn more good values and attitudes. Cooperatives aim to let people work together, thus leading to self-reliance and productivity.
9. **F** - Cooperatives are established not only for the purpose of earning money, but also for helping people become more productive and skillful in life. A member is expected to participate for him/her to be productive.
10. **F** - A community cooperative is open to all the people in the community. It encourages all residents to be members so that they could avail of the benefits and privileges a member can receive. There are also cooperatives such as *consumers' cooperatives* and *marketing cooperatives* which are open to non-members. However, a *credit cooperative* is exclusive to its members.

*Let's Try This (page 20)*

1. When you inspect the conditions in your community, one of the first things that you might observe are its problems. For example, you might observe that there is lack of public transportation, or that there are many unemployed people. You may also observe problems of certain groups in your community. For example, you may notice that there are many farmers in the place but they find it difficult to sell their products.



2. You already know how a cooperative can be beneficial to a community. After observing the problems of your own community, you can think of how cooperatives may help solve these problems. A cooperative may help by lending capital to small businesses such as those involved in public transportation. It may also help by teaching the members useful skills that they can use to earn a living. It can also help by helping farmers look for better ways to sell their harvests.

*Let's See What You Have Learned (page 21)*

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#### D. Lesson 3

*Let's Review (page 27)*

After carefully reading the talk of *Kapitan Marco*, the different types of cooperatives should not be difficult to identify.

1. consumers' cooperative
2. service cooperative
3. producers' cooperative

*Let's Try This (page 28)*

The other types of cooperatives not described in *Let's Review* (page 27) are the marketing, credit and multi-purpose cooperatives. You may have tried describing them in the following manner:

*Marketing cooperative* — The coffee farmers of a certain town formed a cooperative. They contacted several coffee shops in Manila. They talked directly with the coffee shop managers and offered their produce. They put their harvests together to be able to meet the demands of big coffee shops. This way of selling their products is much better than selling their harvests to middlemen who offer them very low prices.

*Credit cooperative* — The employees of a certain factory put their money together and formed a cooperative. Their cooperative lends to members who need money for medical emergencies, the education of their children and other purposes. The cooperative lends at reasonable rates. This is good for the members who used to borrow from moneylenders at very high rates.

*Multi-purpose cooperative* — The residents of a barangay decided that they have two major problems. One is the lack of stores where they can buy cheap and quality goods. The other is the lack of capital for small businesses. They put their money together to raise the capital for a cooperative. The cooperative put up a store that sold food items and other necessities at good prices. They also used some of the money to lend to members who wished to engage in small businesses such as poultry raising, dressmaking and car repair.

*Let's See What You Have Learned (pages 29–30)*

These are the different types of cooperatives and their descriptions.

**1. Credit Cooperative**

A credit co-op encourages thrift, saving and wise spending among its members. It puts together deposits from members and also lends money to members at reasonable interest rates. Members borrow their money for their businesses or for other needs such as education and medical care.

**2. Consumers' Cooperative**

A consumers' co-op is a good answer to rising prices and poor quality of goods and services. Members work together to provide themselves, and even nonmembers, with quality goods and services at reasonable prices. They contact suppliers directly and buy items by the bulk.

**3. Producers' Cooperative**

The members of a producers' cooperative help each other in buying their raw materials and equipment. They also study and improve their production techniques to ensure the quality of their products. They may also look for ways to better market or sell their products. Members engage in either agricultural or industrial production.

**4. Marketing Cooperative**

The main concern of a marketing cooperative is to help its members sell or market their products. It also helps its members get supplies needed for production.

5. **Service Cooperative**

A service cooperative provides its members and even nonmembers essential services such as medical and dental care, hospitalization, transportation, communication, insurance and electric power.

6. **Multi-purpose Cooperative**

This co-op is involved in two or more business activities that are undertaken by the other types of cooperatives.

**E. What Have You Learned?** (*pages 32–34*)

1. The correct answer is **(b)**. The members of a cooperative have a common objective. When they work together, they do not only help each other; they also end up achieving their personal objectives.

Letters (a) and (c) are incorrect. People do not join a cooperative only to achieve personal objectives (a) or to get something for themselves (c), but also to achieve goals common to the group.

2. The correct answer is **(d)**, all of the above. Letters (a), (b) and (c) all describe a problem in the community that a cooperative can help to solve.

3. The correct answer is **(c)**. Membership in a cooperative is voluntary. Nobody can force you to join a cooperative.

Letters (a), (b) and (d) are incorrect. They are actually traits common to all cooperatives.

4. The correct answer is **(b)**. A patronage refund is given to members who avail of the goods and services of his/her cooperative.

Letters (a) is incorrect. Not all members are entitled to a patronage refund. Only those who patronize the business of their cooperative receive a patronage refund.

Letter (c) is incorrect. Attendance in meetings is not the basis for receiving patronage refunds.

Letter (d) is incorrect. Nonmembers who avail of the goods and services of a cooperative are not entitled to patronage refunds.

5. The correct answer is **(c)**. This is the proper definition of a patronage refund.

Letter (a) is wrong. It defines a simple refund.

Letter (b) is wrong. It tells you what a member receives for investing his capital in the cooperative.

Letter (d) is wrong. A patronage refund is given to a member who patronizes the business or service of the cooperative. It is not obtained by developing skills.

6. The correct answer is **(d)** — both (b) and (c). They describe what a service cooperative can do to help the tricycle and jeepney drivers of San Lucas. It can put up a repair shop where services are reasonably priced (b). It can also buy spare parts directly from suppliers so they will be cheaper (c).

Letter (a) is wrong. There is good business for the drivers in San Lucas. They have no reason to move to another place.

7. The correct answer is **(a)**. Whatever the members learn from their cooperative, they can also use to help improve their community.

Letter (b) is not a good answer. It is not likely that the cooperative will force its members to participate in community activities. However, the members of a cooperative learn about working with and helping other people. Because of this, they may also practice these in their own communities.

Letter (c) is not a good answer. It does not describe a main objective or activity of a cooperative.

Questions 8 and 9 describe the specific activities of some types of cooperatives.

8. Letter **(b)**, marketing cooperative, is the correct answer. This cooperative will help them market or sell their product, *pastillas*.
9. The correct answer is **(a)**, producers' cooperative. This cooperative will help them get the raw materials and equipment they need to be able to make shoes at low prices.
10. The correct answer is **(d)** — all of the above. Letters (a), (b) and (c) all explain why cooperatives offer education and training opportunities to their members.



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