

## UNIT 2

### TEAMWORK: TEAMS WITH BRIGHT IDEAS

#### *Better ways of working together*

Teams are important in modern business. Many companies want all their employees to be good at teamwork and they want the CEO, directors and managers to be good at organising teamwork.

In traditional teams, people usually work for the same company. Sometimes team members are from the same department and sometimes from different departments. Today, colleagues often work on international projects, and modern technology helps member of the team to communicate. People use the internet and video conferences to talk to each other when they are in different countries.

Teams are not always formal. Employees often meet with people from other departments at work, for example over coffee. These groups are not organised teams, but they are important. They network and talk about work, and they help to communicate information between departments.

Some companies have teams that meet in unusual places. Companies build rooms for teamwork so that these special teams can meet outside their normal office. The rooms look different from normal offices, for example painted in bright colours. Some managers think this helps teams to be creative. It is also important to have regular contact with other departments in the main company- such as design, marketing, production and finance. This sometimes helps the team to decide if an idea is good or bad.

#### ACTIVIDADES

A) **Comprensión del texto: Decidir si las siguientes afirmaciones son verdaderas o falsas**

1. Las compañías modernas esperan que los jefes organicen el trabajo en equipo.

2. Los integrantes de los equipos suelen ser del mismo país.
3. Los equipos nunca son informales.
4. Los integrantes se reúnen para tratar cuestiones de trabajo.
5. A veces los equipos se reúnen en otros lugares, no en las oficinas.
6. La comunicación del equipo de trabajo con otros sectores o departamentos de la empresa no es relevante.

## **B) Uso del idioma**

Leer el texto y detectar:

- Cuantificadores: ¿Qué palabras significan: *muchos/as, algunos/as, todos/as*?
- Adverbios de frecuencia/tiempo: ¿Qué palabras significan *a veces, con frecuencia, habitualmente, hoy*?
- Adjetivos: Hallar seis adjetivos e identificar el sustantivo al que modifican. ¿En qué posición se encuentran respecto del sustantivo?
- Tiempos verbales: Subrayar cinco verbos que estén conjugados en presente simple.
- Conectores: ¿Qué significado tienen los siguientes conectores: *when, but, to, so that, if*?