

Interview Guide: Collaborative Learning Experiences

(Duration: 10-15 min | Audio Recording with Consent)

Pre-Interview Setup

✓ **Environment:** Private, comfortable space

✓ **Materials Required:**

- ☐ Signed consent form
- ☐ This interview guide
- ☐ Audio recording device

✓ **Researcher Notes:**

- Confirm participant comfort
- Verify recording consent
- Maintain neutral body language

Opening Script (1-2 minutes)

"Thank you for participating in this research about collaborative learning experiences. Your insights will help develop a new study platform tailored to student needs. All responses will remain confidential and anonymized in analysis."

*Before we begin:

- Do you consent to audio recording?
 - Do you have any questions about the process?"*
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Section 1: Current Study Practices (3-4 min)

#	Core Question	Probing Follow-ups
1	Describe your typical study routine. Do you usually study alone or with others?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What factors influence this choice? • How has this changed over your academic journey?
2	Tell me about your last experience forming a study group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did you find group members? • What challenges emerged? • How long did formation take?

Section 2: Pain Points & Challenges (4-5 min)

#	Core Question	Probing Follow-ups
3	What are your biggest obstacles in collaborative studying?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time-related issues? • Group dynamics? • Technology limitations?
4	How much time is spent coordinating vs. actual studying?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does coordination involve? • Is this time well-spent?
5	Describe a failed study group experience. What went wrong?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compatibility issues? • Commitment problems? • Communication breakdowns?

Section 3: Technology Solutions (3-4 min)

#	Core Question	Probing Follow-ups
6	How do you feel about AI matching study partners?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What would build trust?• What concerns would you have?
7	What privacy boundaries should an AI system respect?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic performance data?• Personal schedules?• Learning preferences?
8	Design your perfect partner-matching system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential features?• Nice-to-have elements?

Section 4: Validation & Wrap-up (1-2 min)

#	Core Question	Probing Follow-ups
9	How might shared progress metrics impact accountability?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motivating or stressful?• Public vs. private metrics?
10	Any unaddressed collaborative learning challenges?	<i>(Open-ended reflection)</i>

Closing Script

*"Thank you for sharing valuable insights. Your experiences will directly inform our platform design to better serve students.

Final notes:*

- *How would you like to receive research findings?*
- *Do you have questions about data usage?*
- *Appreciation reaffirmation"*