

Abe and Maria's Discussion

Abe: I'm worried about scheduling conflicts or something unforeseen occurring that will delay project work. What do you suggest if this happens?

Maria: You have to be flexible with scheduling. I try to plan ahead as much as possible by reviewing the school calendar for conflicts with other school activities and coordinating with other teachers so projects are not due at the same time. But even so, I always build in extra time for unexpected delays. I also plan alternate activities for unforeseen circumstances.

Abe: How much time should I devote to project work?

Maria: That depends on the breadth of your project. You could spend all period for several weeks on project work if it meets enough of your standards to warrant the time. However, if you have other subjects or time commitments, you could schedule project work for part of the period, a few times per week, or even once a week. You also need to consider your students' motivation and interests—too long between project work sessions could dampen their enthusiasm.

Abe: What do you do?

Maria: In general, I devote concentrated time on project work toward the end of projects.