

# UNIT 13: YOU BETTER WORK!



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
labor	work	Latin
oper	work	Latin
techni	skill, artistry	Greek



## collaborator

(n) - a person who works with another person or group in order to achieve or do something

*We are getting so much more work completed now that Ali has joined our group as a **collaborator**.*

## laborious

(adj) - requiring a lot of time and effort

*We spent many **laborious** hours trying to remove the stains from the carpet.*

## elaborate

(adj) - made or done with great care or with much detail; having many parts that are carefully arranged or planned

*The mural is so **elaborate** that no matter how many times you study it, there are still details to discover.*

## belabor

(v) - to talk about something for too long; to repeat or stress something too much or too often; to attack or criticize someone

*If you **belabor** your opinion, people might get tired of listening to you.*

## cooperative

(adj) - willing to be helpful by doing what someone wants or asks for

*Because every member was **cooperative**, the group was able to accomplish many of its goals.*

## inoperable

(adj) - not able to be corrected or removed by surgery; not capable of being used

*My laptop was **inoperable** after my dad spilled coffee on the keyboard.*

## operative

(adj) - ready for use; capable of being used; most important

*The new factory must pass an inspection before it is **operative**.*

## technique

(n) - a way of doing something by using special knowledge or skill; the way that a person performs basic physical movements or skills

*The artist had learned a new **technique** for painting realistic trees.*

## technician

(n) - a person whose job relates to the practical use of machines or science in an industry, medicine, etc.

*The computer **technician** was able to repair my computer and save my data.*

## technicality

(n) - a small detail in a rule, law, etc., and especially one that forces an unwanted or unexpected result; something that is understood by experts but usually not by other people

*Thankfully, our lawyer discovered a **technicality** that helped us win the trial.*