

Synergy is taking many ideas and making them better by working together. For example, synergy happens in nature when a flock of geese flies South for the winter. They fly in a V formation, because by flying in this formation they conserve their energy. They each take turns being in front which is more difficult. This way they can fly longer and take fewer rest stops.

At home think of a problem that needs a better solution. Use the chart below to make your action plan. Sit down with your parents and siblings and come up with a solution. Write a 2-3 paragraph report on what you did and the outcome. Report to your class.

### Synergy Action Plan

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Define the Problem</b></p> <p>Make sure you understand the problem or task. Be specific and get to the main issue or problem.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Their Way</b></p> <p>Try to understand everyone's ideas. Listen carefully, ask questions to clarify and write it down.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>My Way</b></p> <p>Seek to be understood. Share your thoughts and ideas and the reasons behind.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brainstorm</b></p> <p>Be creative. Come up with new ideas based on everyone's' input.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High Way</b></p> <p>Find the best solution that combines the new ideas.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outcome</b></p> <p>How did your plan work? What was the outcome of the new solution?</p>	