

**TABLE 10.8** Conditions Needed before Interracial Contact Will Reduce Racial Prejudice

Condition	Explanation
Equal status	The participants must be equal in background, status, and ability.
Cooperative interdependence	The participants must work toward a common goal, with the success of the group depending on everyone's performance.
Pleasant interactions	The atmosphere must be friendly rather than hostile.
Supporting social norms	Parents and other authority figures must actively support integration rather than being ambivalent or working to undermine it.

Sources: Allport (1954); S. W. Cook (1985).