

**Table 12.1** Characteristics of different types of groups (based on Lickel et al., 2000)

Characteristic	Type of group (examples)			
	<i>Intimacy group (family members, friends, romantic partners)</i>	<i>Task group (jury members, cast of a play, sports team)</i>	<i>Social category (women, blacks, Americans)</i>	<i>Loose association (people at a bus stop, at the cinema, living in same area)</i>
Entitativity	High	High	Moderate	Low
Interaction	High	Moderate/High	Low	Low
Importance	High	Moderate/High	Low	Low
Common goals	High	Moderate/High	Low	Low
Common outcomes	High	Moderate/High	Low	Low
Similarity	High	Moderate	Low	Low
Duration	Long	Moderate	Long	Short
Permeability	Low	Moderate	Low	High
Size	Small	Small	Large	Moderate