



1. Find four co-operative organizations of interest to you. For each organization, answer the following questions.
 - a. What kind of business does this co-operative do?
 - b. Does this co-op have a specific mandate or mission statement?
 - c. Where do you see the Co-operative Principles acted upon in this organization?
 - d. What are the benefits for you in being a part of this co-operative organization?
 - e. What are the benefits for society as a whole that come about from the existence of this organization?

2. Of the four co-operatives you researched, is there a particular one you might like to be a part of? Why, specifically, does this organization appeal to you?

Survival rate of businesses after...	5 years	10 years	Long Term
All co-operatives	64%	46%	30%
Private sector companies (Statistics Canada)	36%	20%	N/A

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