Table 7.1   Pros and Cons of Virtual Collaboration

Collaboration and Web-Based Technology	
Pros	**Cons**
• Teachers can collaborate from separate locations. • Virtual environments allow real-time communication. • Meaningful interactions such as idea sharing and problem solving can occur between participants. • Collaborative writing projects can be facilitated. • Collaborative learning and professional development can take place.	• Teachers sometimes resist using new technology. • Technology tools may be unreliable or difficult to use. • There may be resistance to scheduling regular group meetings outside the school day. • A lack of up-to-date personal technology may be an issue.