

Think Pair Share

Think pair share is a powerful discussion strategy that allows every student to become an active participant. It works well before and during reading, as a problem-solving strategy, as a break in a lecture, or as a follow-up activity. In each case, the procedure is similar.

Introduction, modeling, and reflection

1. the teacher begins by suggesting a topic or asking a question
2. students think and write down what they know or have learned about a particular topic
3. after students have written have them pair with another student or a small group of students and discuss their ideas
4. conclude with a whole class share discussion

Reflection

How did the strategy prepare you to read this assignment? How did writing about your own ideas before discussing help you participate? How did talking with a partner help you understand the content?

Ideas for your classroom