



Think-Pair-Share (Ink-Pair-Share; Write-Pair-Share)

Purpose

This protocol ensures that all participants simultaneously engage with a text or topic. It allows participants to recognize, (commit to paper), and speak their own ideas before considering the ideas of others.

Procedure

1. Participants are given a short and specific timeframe (1-2 minutes) to **think** or **ink** (write) freely to briefly process their understanding/opinion of a text selection, discussion question, or topic.
2. Participants then share their thinking or writing with a peer for another short and specific timeframe (e.g. 1 minute each).
3. Finally, the facilitator leads a whole-class sharing of thoughts, often charting the diverse thinking and patterns in participant ideas. This helps both participants and the facilitator assess understanding and clarify ideas.