

Think Pair Share

This activity is appropriate for any size group and is a wonderful way to engage all participants in dialogue and prevent conversation dominance by others. A think-pair-share can take as little as 3 minutes or can be longer, depending on the question or task and the number of participants.

Facilitator Steps and Tips for using Think-Pair-Share partner activity

1. Pose a question. Be aware that open-ended questions are more likely to generate more discussion and higher order thinking.
2. Give participants 30 seconds to a minute to gather their thoughts about the question.
3. Either assign partners or ask participants to turn to a shoulder partner in pairs or at most, groups with three if there are uneven numbers.
4. Facilitator calls for responses from some or all of the pairs or small groups. Include time to discuss as a group.