

READING Strategy → Think-Pair-Share

Reading component

Comprehension

Overview of the strategy

Think-Pair-Share is a discussion strategy that can be used as a pre-reading activity, problem-solving strategy, or as a follow-up activity. Each student becomes an active participant.

Strategy procedure

1. Begin by suggesting a topic or asking a question.
2. Ask students to *think* for a few minutes about how they will respond.
3. *Pair* students, and ask them to discuss their ideas.
4. Conclude by coming back together as a whole group and having students *share* their ideas and discuss the topic in general.

Variation of this strategy –Write-Pair-Share

1. In this variation, the strategy differs only in that students are given a few minutes to *write* their thoughts about the topic before *pairing* and *sharing*.

Source

- C. M. Santa, L. T. Havens, and E. M. Maycumber, *Project CRISS* (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt, 1996).