

Strategies to use with your Students

Turn and Talk

Purpose of Strategy: to enhance comprehension

1. As the teacher you pick a section/chapter/book for the students to discuss to enhance their comprehension of the section/chapter/book.
2. State the purpose of the strategy to the students.
3. You then direct students to simply turn and talk to their peer(s) about the section/chapter/book.
4. Ensure that students stay on topic.
5. Students should talk for a few minutes and then bring them all back together to have a whole discussion.

Think, Pair, Share

Purpose of Strategy: to enhance comprehension

1. As the teacher you pick a section/chapter/book for the students to discuss to enhance their comprehension of the section/chapter/book.
2. State the purpose of the strategy to the students.
3. You then direct students to think about the section/chapter/book.
4. After a sufficient amount of time then have the students get in pairs.
5. Then have the students turn and share with their peer about the section/chapter/book.
6. Ensure that students stay on topic.
7. Students should talk for a few minutes and then bring them all back together to have a whole discussion.

Para-phasing

Purpose of Strategy: to enhance comprehension by putting the information in your own words

1. As the teacher you pick a section/chapter/book for the students to para-phrase. (Ensure that you explain what para-phasing is to the students)
2. State the purpose of the strategy to the students.
3. You then direct students to individually think about the section/chapter/book encouraging them to paraphrase (putting the information in their own words).
4. After a sufficient amount of time then have the students get in pairs.
5. Then have the students take turns sharing their paraphrased information with their peer about the section/chapter/book.
6. Encourage students to compare their paraphrasing to determine if they came up with basically the same paraphrase.
7. Ensure that students stay on topic.
8. Students should talk for a few minutes and then bring them all back together to have a whole discussion.