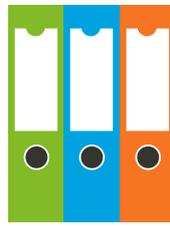


Blue Sky



This strategy is a means of **kick-starting** a **student's imagination** and compels students to provide a variety of **options** or **ideas**.

- Divide students into pairs.
- Students are set a problem which they discuss.
- Students are encouraged to give answers and be as creative as they can be, the sky is the limit.
- All answers are written on post its.
- Once enough answers have been generated, a student from each group posts their ideas on a classroom wall.
- All students gather around the wall: the answers are discussed and eliminated until a solid few remain.
- These answers will form the basis of a more detailed discussion in order to arrive at a solution to the question.

Tips

- Highlight that students should not be afraid to give wrong answers, as these may trigger an answer for someone else.
- After the students have posted their ideas on the wall the teacher can then help focus the discussion by introducing a number of simple criteria that should ultimately refine the ideas..

Further Information

Further reading and support on implementing this strategy is available on www.jct.ie



Key Skills

- ▶ Managing information and thinking
- ▶ Managing myself
- ▶ Communicating
- ▶ Being literate
- ▶ Being creative
- ▶ Working with others

Resources

- ▶ Post its
- ▶ Markers

Room Layout

Arrange students in **pairs**. Select a suitable area for displaying the post its

Assessment

Assess for understanding by listening to student responses.

Supporting Homework

The group responses could be saved and posted on a **digital platform** to support **homework/further research**