

Think. Pair. Share.



This strategy is designed to provide students **time and structure** for thinking on a given topic, enabling them to **develop** individual ideas and **share** these ideas with a peer.

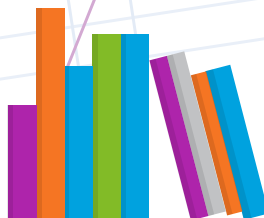
- Inform the class that you will ask three students to give their answer to the next question aloud to the class.
- Before you identify which students will be asked, the class will use the Think-Pair-Share strategy.
- Think individually about the answer to a given question.
- Pair with a partner and discuss the individual answers.
- Share ideas with the rest of the class.

Tips

- When using this for the first time explain all three steps before asking the question.
- Ask a specific higher order question about the text or topic.
- Allow adequate time (up to three minutes) to think and answer individually.
- The time for pair discussion could be 2 - 5 minutes depending on the question.
- Allow the students to select who is going to share to the whole class.
- Feedback from the whole class could be collected and students could jot down this feedback as a summary to support homework.

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
- ▶ Working with others
- ▶ Being literate
- ▶ Being creative

Resources

A pre-planned higher order question relevant to the topic in hand

Room Layout

Arrange students so that they can pair off easily

Assessment

Assess for understanding by listening to student responses

Supporting Homework

The pre-planned question can be used as a written exercise for homework

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