

Cooperative Learning Structure

Mix-Freeze-Pair

This structure offers additional benefits beyond its value as a tool for discussion. By repeatedly mixing around the room and forming partners, students are interacting with classmates other than their own team members. Mix-Freeze-Pair is also a great energizer to use when students have been sitting or concentrating for long periods of time.



Steps

- 1 Teacher announces "Mix!" and students mill around the classroom.
- 2 Teacher calls "Freeze!" and students stop.
- 3 Teacher announces "Pair!" and students find a partner.
- 4 Teacher announces discussion topic or task for pair work.
- 5 Pairs discuss topic or perform task.
- 6 Students mix, freeze, and pair for each new topic or task.