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.