Traveling Pair Share is a great structure to use during the share time when you want students to briefly share with multiple classmates. For example, “When I say, ‘Go!’ I want you to stand up, put a hand up, and pair with a partner. Briefly share one thing that happened in the story. Then find a new partner to share another story event. Keep pairing up until I call, ‘Times Up!’ Ready, Go!”

Pair Share vs. Timed Pair Share

There are two key differences between Pair Share and Timed Pair Share. First, in Timed Pair Share, responses are timed so that students have equal share time. This is ideal to create equal participation for elaborate responses. Second, in Timed Pair Share, students respond to each other. Pair Share is for that quick two-way share.
**Pair Share Steps**

1. **Teacher Announces Topic**
   The teacher announces the topic partners will share about and provides Think Time.

2. **First Partner Shares**
   The teacher selects a partner to begin sharing. The teacher can say, “Partner A begin,” or pick a partner using a cue such as, “Taller partner begin.” The selected partner shares while his or her partner listens.

3. **Second Partner Shares**
   When the first partner is done sharing, the other partner shares while his or her partner listens.

4. **Signal When Finished**
   Students both raise a hand to signal they have both shared.
Teacher Instructions. Use these cues to inform students who shares first. For example, “The partner with the longer hair shares first.” Mix it up for fun and variety. If partners tie, have a default rule such as tallest partner starts.

### Physical Characteristics

Be careful not to use sensitive characteristics such as weight.

- Bigger hand
- Smaller hand
- Taller partner
- Shorter partner
- Partner with head closest to ceiling
- Bigger foot
- Smaller foot
- Longer pinky
- Shorter thumb
- Darker eyes
- Lighter eyes
- Longer hair
- Shorter hair
- Darker hair
- Lighter hair

### Clothing

Be careful not to use judgement calls such as cuter outfit.

- More buttons
- Fewer buttons
- Darker shirt
- Lighter shirt
- Bigger shoes
- Smaller shoes
- Brighter colors
- More colors
- Fewer colors
- Warmer clothes
- Higher socks
- Lower socks

### About Me

These take more time, but add a little fun, so use accordingly.

- First name comes first alphabetically
- First name comes last alphabetically
- Last name comes first alphabetically
- Last name comes last alphabetically
- Birthday first in the year
- Birthday last in the year
- Number of syllables in favorite band
- Farthest I’ve traveled
- Bigger favorite animal
- Smaller favorite animal
- Favorite sport alphabetically
- Later bedtime
- Earlier bedtime
- Time of favorite TV show
- Woke up earlier today
- More siblings
- Fewer siblings
- More pets
- Fewer pets