

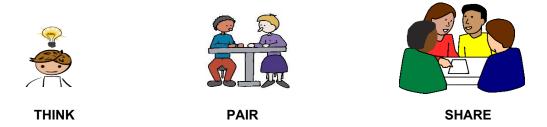
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THINK-PAIR-SHARE

TPS is an active learning strategy that promotes and supports higher levels of thinking among students. It is a simple way to keep all students engaged during class discussions. Also, it allows time for students to share and discuss ideas around a topic, issue, or problem. TPS merely has each student think about a question posed by the teacher. Next, the student will pair up with another student(s) to share thoughts before sharing responses with the whole class.

Steps:

- 1. Decide how to organize students into pairs (groups) based on the classroom setting. Please keep it simple and easy for students to move around (if needed).
- 2. Inform students of the TPS activity and provide instructions.
- 3. Present the topic, question, issue, or problem to the class.
- 4. Allow 30 seconds to 1 minute for students to think or write down ideas or responses.
- 5. Have each student pair with another student (or with a group of 3 to 5 students) to compare and explain responses. Allow 2 to 5 minutes to share ideas the time frame may vary. Make sure you walk around to monitor the discussions and provide clarity as needed.
- 6. Allow 5 to 10 minutes for one person from the paired group to share responses to the whole class.



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