

Kagan Strategy: Three Step Interview *

Steps for the Strategy

1. Students are paired. One student interviews the other on a given topic.
2. Students reverse roles and repeat step 1.
3. Pairs join another pair. Then, in Round Robin format, share what they have learned from their interviews.

Variations

- If there are an odd number of students for pairing, have two partners interview the other partner, or interview the extra student yourself.
- For younger students who can't remember, especially if they have to be the interviewee as well as the interviewer, complete step one, then have them share with their group. Have interviewer/interviewee switch roles, interview then share.
- For ELL students who might be shy in speaking before a larger group: Follow steps one and two with shoulder partner, then share individually with their face partner. The repeat steps one and two with the face partner, then share individually with their shoulder partner. In this scenario, they are sharing only with one person at a time.

Management Tips

1. Model good listening and interviewing skills, such as eye contact and active listening.
2. Model good open-ended questions, such as "How did you spend your summer?" instead of "Did you go to Summer School?"
3. Model good follow up questions, such as "How did you spend your summer?" Response at my uncle's house. "Where does your uncle live?" or "What things did you do at your uncle's house?"
4. Set an amount of time for each person to share.
5. Display amount of time in some way (wall clock, Teach Timer, etc.)

Social Skills

1. Patience-giving others time to think
2. Active Listening
3. Appropriate noise level.

*Based on various materials available from Kagan Publishing.