

Kagan Strategy: Give One, Get One*

Steps for the Strategy

1. Give each student a copy of the “Give One, Get One” worksheet.
2. Present the students with a concept or question with multiple possible answers.
3. In their teams, students brainstorm possible answers without writing them down.
4. When they agree that one of their brainstorms is a good one, they write it in the “Give One” column on their worksheets
5. Repeat steps 3-4 until the “Give One” column is full. The team then stands.
6. When all teams are standing, students raise their hands and find a new partner.
7. After finding a new partner, each student gives one idea and gets one idea. They write the idea they “got” in the “Get One” column of their worksheet.
8. The pairs separate, raise their hands, find a new partner and repeat steps 6-7.
9. Students move to the outside of the room once their sheet is full, providing possible answers for students who haven’t filled their “Get One” column.
10. Students return to their tables and share their ideas from the “Get One” column.

Management Tips

1. Present a question or topic, which will yield multiple answers (more than 20).
2. Model proper behavior for moving around the room.
3. Encourage proper thanks to partners after swapping ideas.

Social Skills

1. Offering help (for students who haven’t filled their “Get One” columns)
2. Greeting someone
3. Appropriate noise level.
4. Appropriate parting comments.

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