

Description

Inside Outside Circle is a kinesthetic activity that involves all students in the class and that facilitates short exchanges between students.

Method

The teacher:

- forms two concentric circles containing the same number of students. Students in the inside circle face a partner standing in the outside circle.
- asks students from the inside circle to share something with their partner in timed activity.
- has students reverse roles. The students on the outside circle share with their partner,
- controls the timing, e.g., “Outside circle, it’s your turn to share for one minute.”
- has the inside circle rotate and the students turn to face their new partner. Repeat steps 2 and 3.

Considerations

Inside Outside Circle:

- engages all students simultaneously;
- pairs students briefly with classmates with whom they may rarely work;
- allows the teacher to spontaneously increase or decrease the number of different student pairings that occur.