



Knowledge to lead

Conducting a Thinking-Aloud-Pair session

Step-by-Step

- Briefly introduce the basic rule of the technique and assign partners for the discussion. This way you will avoid that people choose the person they know the best in the group.
- Announce a theme for the discussion and specify one or more questions.
- Give participants a "THINK Time" to concentrate on the answer and develop their own point of view. If you consider an issue particularly complex you can use the **Think-Write-Pair-Share**. In this modification you ask participants to jot their ideas during this time.
- Ask the students to PAIR with the partner that you have assigned them so that they can discuss the topic with him/her.
- Randomly call a few participants and ask them to SHARE their ideas with the class.
- If you want to conduct a new session change the partners composing each pair.

Facilitator's Role

- Always monitor the discussion, walking around the room. You could overhear misunderstandings that can be easily addressed.
- Control that both participants are taking part in to the discussion. If you notice that one is monopolizing the conversation you can propose a different exercise called **Timed-Pair-Share**. In this modification you give each participant a fixed amount of time to talk.



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