






Learning Scoop

Build-up Group –method

Cooperative learning and build-up group –method

-  Cooperative learning means learning in a group towards the achievement of common goals.
-  In cooperative learning, the group supports its members' learning, and each member contributes to the group's learning. The group members learn together and from each other and help others to learn.
-  Build-up group is one method of cooperative learning.



Instructions

1. **Alone:** Students get a task to think about. Everyone thinks about the task on their own first (1–3 min). After that, the task is handled in pairs.



Instructions

Divide students into pairs. Use strings, cards or different coloured tabs. Or let students pick their own partner.



Instructions



The pair uses about 5 minutes for this.

2. In a pair: Both partners express their thoughts on the task aloud. The pair discusses their thoughts, perspectives and possible solutions.

Instructions

3. In a group of four:
Two pairs join
together so now there
is a group of 4.



The pairs in each group do not explain what each individual's original thoughts were in the beginning but the similarities and differences in their thoughts.





Instructions

Depending on the nature of the task assigned, the group can try to come up with a collective response for the task.



4. After the task the teacher can ask each group to explain their solution or to summarize their ideas.

The benefits of the build-up group: the method...

-  ...is balanced: it gives each member of the group the opportunity to express their own thoughts;
-  ...provides a better opportunity for those who need it to collect their thoughts and experiences concerning the task than starting right away in a big group would;
-  ...develops skills in observing similarities and differences in thoughts and experiences; and
-  ...can be adapted to groups of any size.





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