

Use this strategy to challenge students to brainstorm as many ideas as possible in a short period of time without elaborating, questioning, or explaining.

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Summary

Have students brainstorm on a topic without elaborating, explaining, or questioning ideas. Group members take turns responding to a question or a topic with a word, phrase, or short statement. Students share their thoughts one at a time until all students have had the opportunity to speak.

Procedure

- 1. Explain that the purpose of brainstorming is to generate ideas.
- Advise students that they must refrain from evaluating, questioning, or discussing the ideas to prevent interruption or inhibiting the flow of ideas.
- 3. Pose a question or topic that you want students to brainstorm about
- **4.** Allow students time to answer the question individually, in small groups, or with partners. Each student should compile a list of ideas.
- 5. Ask each student or group to contribute one idea from their list and write them on the board.
- Repeat this until everyone has had a chance to contribute. If everything on their list has already been said, invite students to simply say, "Pass."

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