

Circle writing

A tool to be used in the phase of ideas

This is a method to brainstorm in the phase of ideas.

Split the class into groups of five or four people. Ask the students to sit in a group with a piece of paper and a pencil each. As an example, the task could be to do a brainstorm on where the trip abroad for the whole school should go.

Each person starts writing his/her suggestions on his/her piece of paper (ex. I should really like to go to France, because the weather is nice and I will be able to practice my French etc. etc., another person writes: I want to go to Austria because of the climate, skiing is wonderful etc.)

After about 5 minutes of writing, each person passes on his/her paper to the next person in the circle. You now have to continue writing on the new piece of paper that you have and you have to go on writing in a positive way, even though it is not your idea and even though you do not really like it.

Then again, after 5 more minutes you get a new piece of paper and so it continues until you have your own piece back again. Then you read what the others in the group have come up with.

At the end, you discuss and agree in the group, which suggestion is the best (maybe two!) and then you present this/these suggestion(s) to the rest of the big group.



Template for circle writing – brainstorming
in the phase of ideas

Student name:

My suggestion	Reason for my choice

Student 2: what do you think of my idea? Give positive feedback:

Student 3: what do you think of my idea? Give positive feedback:

Student 4: what do you think of my idea? Give positive feedback:

Student 5: what do you think of my idea? Give positive feedback:
