

# The Middle Grades Teachers Handbook For Cooperative Learning

Examples of informal cooperative learning activities		
<p><b>Think-pair-share</b></p>	<p>The instructor asks a discussion question. Students are instructed to think or write about an answer to the question before turning to a peer to discuss their responses. Groups then share their responses with the class.</p>	<p><b>Think:</b></p>  <p><b>Pair:</b></p>  <p><b>Share:</b></p> 
<p><b>Peer instruction</b></p>	<p>This modification of the think-pair-share involves personal response devices (e.g., clickers). The question posted is typically a conceptually based multiple-choice question. Students think about their answer and vote on a response before turning to a neighbor to discuss. Students can change their answers after discussion, and "sharing" is accomplished by the instructor revealing the graph of student responses and using this as a stimulus for large class discussion. This approach is particularly well-adapted for large classes.</p>	<p><b>Question:</b></p> <p>Your sister calls to say she's having twins. Which of the following is more likely? (Assume she's not having identical twins.)</p> <p>A. Twin boys B. Twin girls C. One boy and one girl D. All are equally likely</p> <p>Source: darukraft.org/2013/03/</p> <p><b>Individual response:</b></p>  <p><b>Discussion, followed by re-voting:</b></p> 
<p><b>Jigsaw</b></p>	<p>In this approach, groups of students work in a team of four to become experts on one segment of new material, while other "expert teams" in the class work on other segments of new material.</p> <p>The class then rearranges, forming new groups that have one member from each expert team. The members of the new team then take turns teaching each other the material on which they are expert.</p>	<p>Students work with each other to become "experts" on part of material:</p>  <p>The class rearranges to allow for peer-to-peer instruction:</p> 

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