

FISHBOWL

Discussion Strategies for Various
Learning Environments



Fishbowl

Let's discuss!

In-Person or with Safety Measures in Place

1. Used for organizing medium- to large-group discussions.
2. Students are separated into an inner and outer circle.
3. In the inner circle or fishbowl, students have a discussion.
4. Students in the outer circle listen to the discussion and take notes.
5. Outside circle could also be assigned a discussion member as a partner to “coach” by listening to comments made by their partner and giving feedback.

*Please note this can be done in a socially distanced class as listed with desks further apart and wearing masks.

Online Learning

1. Keep your whole class on screen lock. This allows students to see all participants in the same place on their screens.
2. Assign the people in the “middle” of the screen to be the ones discussing the question or prompt.
3. Students around the edge of the zoom listen and take notes.
4. Feedback may be given at the end.