

NUMBERED HEADS TOGETHER

Discussion Strategies for Various
Learning Environments



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Numbered Heads

Let's discuss!

In-Person

1. Create teams.
2. The teacher divides the class into 4-person teams with each student numbered.
3. State a question to the class.
4. Allow think-time, such as 30 seconds.
5. Teacher calls "Heads together" and student groups lean in to discuss the question posed.
6. Elicit student responses by calling a number.
7. Students from each group with that number share their groups answer. Repeat.

In-Person with Safety Measures (masks and social distancing)

1. Create teams.
2. The teacher divides the class into 4-person teams with each student numbered.
3. State a question to the class.
4. Allow think-time, such as 30 seconds.
5. Teacher instructs student groups to discuss the question posed while maintaining social distancing.
6. Elicit student responses by calling a number.
7. Students from each group with that number share their groups answer. Repeat.

Online Learning

1. Zoom Format: The teacher divides the class into 4-person teams with each student numbered.
2. State a question to the class.
3. Allow think-time, such as 30 seconds.
4. Teacher places students into breakout rooms with their 4-person team.
5. Bring students back together.
6. Elicit student responses by calling a number.
7. Students from each group with that number share their groups answer. Repeat.