



Thinking Nation

Give One, Get One

The "Give One, Get One" strategy is an engaging instructional tool designed to promote collaboration, sharing of ideas, and active participation among students. It's especially useful for brainstorming, reviewing, or generating multiple perspectives on a topic.

How It Works:

Preparation:

- Students are given a prompt, question, or topic to think about.
- They write down at least one idea, response, or piece of knowledge related to the topic on their paper.

Pair Up:

- Students move around the room and pair up with a classmate.
- They share their idea (give one) and listen to their partner's idea (get one).

Recording Ideas:

- After sharing, they record the idea they "got" from their partner on their paper.

Repeat:

- Students repeat the process with new partners, continuing to exchange ideas until they have gathered a set number of responses or until time is up.

Benefits:

- Encourages active listening and engagement.
- Provides exposure to different perspectives.
- Builds confidence in sharing ideas.
- Encourages a sense of community in the classroom.

This strategy is versatile and can be adapted for various grade levels and subjects. For instance, in social studies, students might "Give One, Get One" on the causes of a historical event, or in character education, they could share examples of acts of kindness they've witnessed.