

THINK PAIR SHARE

INTRODUCING TPS TO CHILDREN

1. Explain to children, “We are going to share ideas with each other during our games.”
2. “To help us share ideas, we use Think, Pair, Share.”
3. “I’ll ask you question. Let’s try it! ‘What is your favorite food?’” (Have children practice steps 4-6 with this question.)



THINK

4. “To figure out what we want to share, we need to think (show thinking icon from mediator sheet). We use our brains and think quietly about our ideas.” As a physical cue, point to your head while thinking.



PAIR

5. “Next is ‘pair’ (show pair icon from mediator sheet). That means we turn to our partner.” Teacher should model how to stay seated and have both children look at each other. You may want to show a picture chart that shows who is paired or tell children which way to turn. As a physical cue, interlock your index fingers.



SHARE

6. “When we are looking at our partners, we share our ideas (show share icon from mediator sheet). We take turns, which means first one friend share and the other friend listens. Then the next friend shares while the other listens. Then, we turn back to the teacher when we’re done.” As a physical cue, point to your mouth.