

Oral Language Activities

Brainstorming

Brainstorming is an inclusive strategy that encourages the generation of ideas, collaboration, and creative thinking.

Procedure:

1. Divide the class into small groups and provide chart paper and markers to each group.
2. Set an inquiry question or topic for the class to brainstorm within each small group. Brainstormed ideas are written on the chart paper.
3. Set a time limit for the brainstorming session and identify a signal for closure.
4. Suggested rules for brainstorming include:
 - ALL ideas are welcomed! They can be refined later, but in brainstorming all ideas are collected first.
 - Take turns by going around the group so that everyone gets a chance to contribute.
 - Elect one person to jot down ideas on the chart paper.
 - Elect one person to present the ideas to the class.
5. Each group shares the ideas with the class. Chart the ideas and identify the ones that have some class agreement.