

Oral Language Activities

Walkabout

The Walkabout strategy provides students with the opportunity to compare their thoughts and ideas with others and to add new ideas to their own thinking.

Procedure:

1. Choose a topic or pose a question.
2. Create small groups of students, or have students work individually.
3. Have each group (or student) record their ideas about the topic or question.

Note: Individual students can then circulate around the room and form groupings based in similarities.

4. Have one student from each group join another group and share the home group's ideas.
5. Then have students return and report any new ideas to their original group members.
6. The group then decides whether or not they can use the new information to support their thinking.