

Paired Verbal Fluency

Information Processing: Activating and Engaging, Organizing and Integrating

PROCESS

- Form pairs.
- Describe the process:
 - A and B will take turns responding to a prompt.
 - At a signal, one will speak and one will listen.
 - At a signal after a number of seconds, the other will speak while the first speaker listens.
 - Each time, no one is allowed to repeat anything that was said by the other.
 - Check for clarification.
- Repeat the cycle 2 or 3 times. For activating prior knowledge:
 - First round 20 seconds each
 - Second round 40 seconds each
 - Third round 60 seconds each
- For organizing and integrating:
 - First round 60 seconds each

cont.

- Second round 40 seconds each
- Third round 20 seconds each

ALTERNATIVES

- Gauge the time allotted for the second and third round by the level of participant engagement. The purpose for the declining amounts of time is to focus thinking. The purpose of the increasing amounts of time is to broaden thinking.

TIPS

- Announce the time allotted for rounds only after the exercise is completed so participants can apply this strategy elsewhere without knowing the structure until experiencing it.

NOTES AND APPLICATIONS
