

Paraphrase Passport

Information Processing: Exploring and Discovering

PROCESS

- Provide a prompt for a conversation.
- Groups explore a topic:
 - Person A makes an initiating statement.
 - The group pauses for 5 seconds.
 - The next group member (anyone) paraphrases the previous statement before inquiring or adding related ideas.
- Repeat the pattern as time permits.
- To close the talk, the group constructs a summarizing and organizing paraphrase of the full conversation.

ALTERNATIVES

- The person designated to paraphrase could be sitting next to A, and other players round-robin from there.
- After a speaker has been paraphrased, any member may inquire or add ideas.

cont.

TIPS

- This process would typically serve two purposes: (a) to deepen paraphrasing skills and norms, and (b) to increase understanding of each other and a specific topic. Forecast these multiple purposes at the beginning of the activity.
- Have the group reflect on the benefits they realized from listening and being listened to and the metacognitive disciplines they used.

NOTES AND APPLICATIONS
