



BRAINSTORMING WITH OTHERS

BRAINWRITING

- Make sure everyone is clear on the problem you're working on.
- Set a timer for four minutes to write down 3 things each that you personally think makes the problem tricky.
- Pass your paper to the right and take three minutes to come up with any ideas or strategies to help with what you've read.
- Keep on passing the paper round until everyone has written on each piece.
- Lay out the papers and talk about what ideas are best.

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- Before you try to discuss a solution with others, take three minutes for everyone to write down as many solutions and ideas as they can on paper ... there's no such thing as a bad idea!
- Share and build on your ideas together.

FIGURE STORMING

- Choose a number of famous figures and decide together how they would solve your problem.
- Build on the best ideas.

IDEA PING-PONG

- Everyone should take a turn contributing one idea to the brainstorm, bringing something new to the table or building on a previous idea.
- Keep going until you run out of ideas, then talk together about the best things you've come up with.

STAR-BURSTING

- Draw a six pointed star on a sheet of paper for everyone and ask them to write a solution to the problem in the middle.
- Write one of these words at each point of the star:
WHO? / WHY? / WHAT? / WHEN ? / WHERE? / HOW?
- Work together to use these words to work out how to practically carry out each solution.

