

Oral Language Activities

Sharing Circle

A Sharing Circle is a communal activity where students share ideas with the whole class. It is an effective way to allow students to express themselves freely.

Procedure:

1. Have students sit in a circle facing into the centre.
2. Begin by discussing how to be a responsible member of a sharing circle and use a Y-chart to record ideas (e.g., “What should a sharing circle sound like? Look like? Feel like to participate in one?”).
3. Conduct sharing circles in the classroom to discuss current issues, build trust among students, and/or discuss responses to topics or texts. Circles should last from seven to ten minutes, but could be longer if an issue or topic requires more time.