

Explanation of Simultaneity Techniques

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Definition of Simultaneity: Having all students respond to questions at the same time through 1 of 5 techniques.

Goals: Use 3+ types of simultaneity 12+ times during every lesson & work towards 100% participation every time.

Benefits: Increase confidence & self-esteem with regard to answering questions; increase engagement of every student; increase # of responses per class period per student; & help students prepare quality responses for randomness.

1. Pair Share: Tell the answer to a partner and receive a response.
2. Choral Response: Everyone answers aloud at the same time.
3. Visual Cue: Simultaneously show the signal. (Ex: thumbs up, tap head, hold up card).
4. Quick Write: Write the answer on a piece of paper or an individual dry-erase board and turn it over when asked to share it with the teacher or with classmates.
5. Timed Thinking: Think about the question for ___ seconds, but don't respond aloud. Then, call on a student randomly to share.