

## INSIDE-OUTSIDE CIRCLE

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Inside-Outside Circle is a strategy that provides a way to get students who normally would not talk to interact with others.

### **Steps for the Strategy**

1. Students pair up, then the class forms two concentric circles with Partner A on the inside and Partner B on the outside, Partners face each other.
2. Pose a question and Partner A shares his/her answer with Partner B. Then Partner B shares his/her answer.
3. Direct either the inside circle or the outside circle to rotate either clockwise or counter clockwise.
4. Once the students have rotated they have a new partner and steps 2-3 are repeated.

### **Management Tips**

- Make sure you're A circle students are strong verbal students to model answering techniques.
- Alternate way for forming circles: Students create one large circle, they pair up, one partner moves to the inside, partners face each other.
- Stand inside the circle allows better teacher management. Students can demonstrate they are finished discussing by both turning to face the teacher in the center.

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- Questions should not require paper or pencil to answer. Short answer or higher level thinking skills questions should be asked.
- Provide two different sets of cards which contain the questions (instead of being asked by the teacher)—one set of the inside circle, one set for the outside circle.

### Social Skills

1. Proper greeting and farewell comments
2. Giving and accepting praise
3. Giving and accepting constructive criticism
4. Active listening
5. Coaching skills
6. Appropriate noise level