

Numbered Heads Together

Goals

The Numbered Heads Together activity provides students with opportunities to collaborate in a variety of ways.

Uses

Use Numbered Heads Together as a format to have a quick, collaborative discussion and to promote individual accountability.

Instructional Steps

1. Divide students into groups of four. (Note: group size will vary depending on student needs and lesson modifications.)
2. Ask students in each group number off from one to four.
3. Ask students to discuss a topic, answer review questions, or complete an academic task in their groups.
4. Ensure that groups understand that each member of the group must be able to discuss the topic, answer the question(s), or recap the learning from the task if called upon.
5. Select a random number (from 1 to 4) corresponding to a number of a group member.
6. Assuming the random number selected is 4, select one or two of the students who numbered off as "4" to discuss/recap the learning. Additional "4" students can also contribute by adding new information to the previous response(s).