

Team Interview:

A Kagan Structure

Grouping: Whole class

Goal: The purpose of this activity is to help students get better acquainted with your new teammates.

Learning Styles/Intelligences:

-Verbal/Linguistic

-Bodily/Kinesthetic

-Visual/Spatial

-Logical/Mathematical

-Interpersonal

Explanation: Each student will be interviewed by their teammates for five minutes. The other team members will take turns asking questions within that period of time in a Roundrobin fashion (one question per teammate at a time).

Procedure:

Step 1: Propose Interview topic (see below)

Step 2: Give students time to write out questions they would like to ask in advance of the interview.

Inform students of the interview procedure:

Team Interview Procedure: Students are to . . .

1. Ask brief, open-ended questions.
2. Ask the kinds of questions that you wouldn't mind answering yourself.
3. Ask questions that follow up on or request more details about a question asked by another team member.
4. Use non-verbal cues to let the interviewee know that you're listening.
5. Wait until it's your turn to be interviewed to share your own experiences.

For students being interviewed . . .

1. Remind their teammates of some basic information themselves (name and Favorite subject, for example).
2. Try to give answers that give your teammates some insight into your interests and personality.
3. If you're asked a question that makes you uncomfortable, say "A question that I'd rather answer is..." and answer that question.

Sample Topics for interviews:

Who are you? Students interview each other, asking questions to get to know their teammate better. Questions can be about the student's family, their likes, dislikes, what they do on the weekends, and favorite subject and foods. This is a great open forum for students to get to know each other better. Of course, students have the option to pass on any question deemed too personal.

Where have you been? Interviews about where students have traveled, and where they would like to travel.

What will you be? Interviews about career and life goals.

Who would you be? If you could be someone from a story, novel or movie, who would it be? Why?