

Strategy #14 - Numbered Heads Together

Purpose:

- To consolidate information
- To review

Steps:

- Students work in groups of 4-6. Each student in each group is numbered (1-4 or 1-6)
- The teacher asks a question.
- Students put their heads together and decide on the correct answer making sure that everyone in the group knows the answer.
- The teacher calls a number and student with the number in each group stands or raises his/her hand
- The teacher asks the students to give the answer. If it is a short answer, all students with the “number “ may answer at the same time. If the answer is longer, one student may be called upon to answer.

Variations

- Scores may be kept so groups compete against each other.
- All students with the “number” may raise their hands when the number is called rather than standing.
- If the answer has several steps or parts, each student with the “number” may give a part of the answer.
- After the answers are given all students confirm whether the answer is correct by a thumbs up or a thumbs down.
- If the concept is difficult the teacher may call a number and have the students remain seated as each student gives the answer to his own group. Then students in the group decide if or to what degree the answer is correct. The teacher then calls another number and the answers are given publicly.
- If an answer is given that isn't complete, the teacher may ask someone else to add to the information.