

Four corners

The teacher posts 4 signs (can be as small as a sheet of paper and as large as a 2 by 2' piece of butcher paper), one sign in each corner of the room.

Possible categories could include

- Your favorite season (1. Spring 2. Summer 3. Fall 4. Winter)
- 4 different intended professions (teacher, musician, artist, scientist...)
- 4 types of movies (comedy, science fiction, adventure, cartoon...)
- 4 types of music (jazz, rock and roll, hip-hop, classical...)
- 4 hobbies (reading, singing, painting, theater...)
- 4 sports (tennis, football, soccer, cross country...)
- 4 ways of dealing with stress (sports, music, reading, talking...)

Students are asked to get up out of their seat and go to the corner that represents them the most.

The students then talk or share the reason(s) for their choice.

OR, the students share their particular answer to a specific question posed by the teacher. For example,

- Do you know anyone who is in this profession?
- What do you like/dislike about this profession?
- What is your favorite movie and why? (in the specific category the student is in)

Finally, each group decides on a summary of their finding/discussion. The students in each group choose a spokesperson who will report back to the rest of the class.

The students return to their seats and write a short paraphrase/summary of all the groups' findings.

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