



Concentric circles

Level

Intermediate-advanced

Time

50-80 minutes

Outline

Information gap
Taking notes
Summarising
Attentive listening
Reporting back

Focus

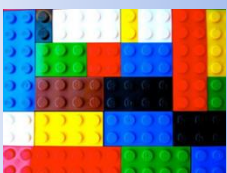
Reading
Speaking
Writing
Listening

Material

2 different texts on the same theme

Thinking skills

HOTS



Procedure

1. Offer the class a choice of two texts (on the same theme but different). Make sure you have equal numbers taking one text.
2. Hand out the 2 different texts to each pair together with a colour-coded, postcard-sized card, e.g. text one = yellow, text two = green.
3. Explain that everyone needs to take bullet-point notes on their coloured cards.
4. Allow learners 10-20 minutes for reading (depending on the length of the texts).
5. Form one circle with the yellow cardholders with their backs to the centre (with about 1m between two cardholders).
6. Tell the green cardholders to stand in front of a yellow cardholder, facing them.
7. Tell the yellow people to stay put.
8. Tell the green people to move on one person to the left (trial round).
9. Tell the green person to report on their text with the help of their bullet-points.
10. Tell the yellow person to listen attentively to the green person and memorise what they hear.
11. Tell the yellow person to move one person to the left.
12. Tell the yellow person to report back to their new green partner what they have just heard from their previous partner. Ask the green partner to listen attentively, help and add.
13. Ask the pairs to be quiet when they have finished for you to gauge when to move on with the next step.
14. Repeat steps 9-12 with the yellow people.
15. Ask your learners to sit down and take notes on the text they heard about.

Alternative

- a. Assign step 3-4 for homework.
- b. Replace step 15. Hand out the second text, i.e. the green text to a yellow person and vice versa.
- c. Replace a text with a webpage or video. Assign steps 1-4 for homework.