



# LISTENING GUIDE: KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS

## Episode #2 - All Ideas are Improvable!

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### About the Series:

This podcast series explores Knowledge Building pedagogy and the 12 foundational principles that support innovation and knowledge creation in classrooms. We will follow a classroom engaged in Knowledge Building work, and hear from the teacher how he inspires and supports this ideas-driven classroom. Students' thoughts, experiences and reflections will illustrate the power of a Knowledge Building community.

### Episode Description:

In this episode we will be exploring two of the 12 Knowledge Building Principles - Idea Improvement and Knowledge Building Discourse. Jason is a Gr. 8 Science Teacher who is using a Knowledge Building approach to engage his students in deep understanding of fluids. His students are collectively exploring their wonderings in relation to how fluid spills impact our world. We will hear how he nourishes a culture of idea improvement in his classroom and engages his students in rich dialogue through the practice of Knowledge Building Circles.

### Listen for:

- Type of environment that fosters **KB Discourse**
- Use of the **improvable ideas board** to support collective idea improvement
- Student empowerment in the **KB Circle**

**Your wonderings** (while listening, jot down questions, ideas and notes in the space below):

## **Discussion Questions:**

- Knowledge Building is about advancing Community Knowledge. How is the teacher fostering the growth of individual ideas into community knowledge?
- What environmental conditions helped support KB discourse?
- How does a KB circle support all types of learners?
- After listening to this podcast, what ideas and practices do you want to explore more?