“Say Something”

This activity offers opportunities for participants to engage in accountable talk and deepen their understanding through predicting, questioning, inferring, responding and making connections (Beers, 2003).

a. Direct participants to find a partner and number themselves One and Two.

b. Read or provide an interesting, thought-provoking text that has been chunked into manageable sections of text.

c. Model reading the first chunk of text and responding to the text by saying something about what was read. This “something” could be a key idea, a connection, a question or simply a statement about the ideas presented in the text.

d. Encourage participants to read each chunk of text and to “say something” to their partners.

e. Continue reading and “saying something” until the entire selection of text has been read and discussed by the partners.

f. Provide time for each member of the larger group to collectively share their insights or to answer a synthesizing question about the text.

(Length: 5:56 minutes)