

“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)