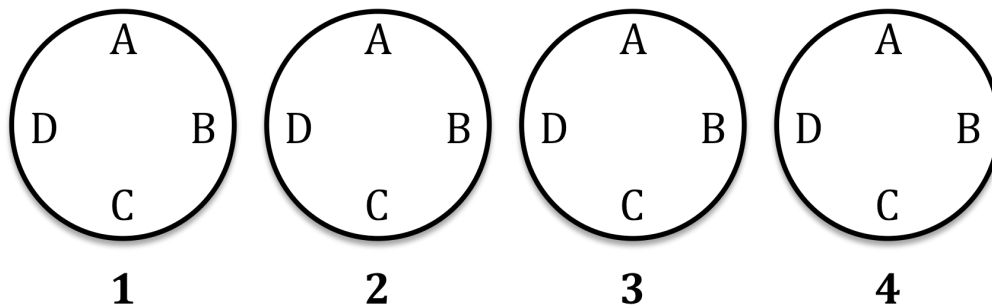


Jigsaw Learning Exercise.

The Jigsaw technique is a great way to involve all students in student centered learning.

The technique is built around two types of working groups:

Expert Group. Students are divided into equal numbers of groups. Four groups of four works very well. If you have more students, consider making two sets of Expert Groups.



It is extremely important that EVERY MEMBER of the Expert Group makes notes and understands the topic for which the group is responsible. When the groups break up and form Sharing Groups everyone has a teaching responsibility and has information that others in the Sharing Group will not know.

- Be specific about the information you want the expert groups to understand
- Have the Expert Groups give you an outline or list of the content they will be teaching
- Be sure to explain the technique so students understand how important it is for them to become Experts.
- You may start out by “feeding” the group the information they will teach. As the class masters the technique, they can become responsible for developing the material to teach from a topic you assign.

Sharing Group. Once each member of the Expert Group has a solid grasp of the material, have the groups break up and form Sharing Groups. Each student in the Sharing Group now has a piece of “the puzzle” – information others in the group don’t have. Each member is responsible for teaching the others in the group the information they learned in their Expert Group.

