

FISHBOWL INSTRUCTIONS

- Arrange desk in large circle or 8 to 10 students max
- Form circle around the inner or “fishbowl” with rest of class
- Outer circle completes tally sheet or comments they hear from the fishbowl during the activity
- Give students in fishbowl 3 fish cards (or cut-outs)
- Put bowl or basket in middle of fishbowl
- Throw-out a comment or question to students in fishbowl – the more controversial the better! “Girls are more intelligent than boys!”
- Every time a student in the fishbowl speaks they must put one of their cards in the basket (so encourage them to make what they say count). Students must use all three cards, but once they’ve used them they cannot talk again for that question – this encourages shy students to participate and prevents discussion “monopolizers”!
- Throw-out a new question when you feel the discussion on the topic is waning – students reach in basket and take back their three cards
- Reverse the fishbowl and outer circles after a few discussions and repeat!