Pass the Problem

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Grades: 1-adult

Subject: Any Subject

Group: 8+

Materials: A worksheet or pre-written question cards, and a pencil and piece of paper for each group



Procedure:

- 1. Take a worksheet that has several good (appropriate and worth-while) questions. Tear the questions apart. Leave the question numbers on the paper when you tear it apart, so that each questions still has the question number beside it.
- 2. Divide the students into groups, with at least 2 people in each group.
- 3. Pass out one piece of paper and a pencil to each group.
- 4. Pass out one question to each group. Students write the number of the question on the paper.
- 5. Say, "Start," and start a timer for a couple of minutes. Students work as a group to answer the question and record the answer on the paper.
- 6. When the timer goes off, say, "Stop. Pass the problem." Students put pencils down and pass their problem to the group beside them. (Make sure students know which way to pass the problem before starting the game to ensure everyone gets each question card and there isn't confusion during the game.)
- 7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until all the groups have answered all the questions.
 *If you want the students to answer more questions than you have groups, just include yourself as one of the rotations. Each time one group will give you a question they just answered, but you pass a new question on to the next group and keep the other question until later.

Modifications:

- Use wipe-off board and markers instead of paper to make it even more fun. Just check each group's answer before having students pass the problem.
- Write your own questions on index cards instead of using a worksheet.
- Group struggling students together in a group and be part of the group yourself to provide help and additional instruction.
- Modify the amount of time on the time to be appropriate for the level of difficulty of the questions.