



Ten Activities for Learning Partners (or Pairs)

Engaging students is easier if you employ active learning techniques.

- a. **Discuss** a reading together. See our tip on Starting a Discussion for ideas.
- b. **Interview** each other (get reactions). Look at our tip on Probing Questions for ideas about asking good questions.
- c. **Critique** or **edit** each other's work. Have students use your rubric for the assignment.
- d. **Question** each other about a reading. Develop questions from either the Discussion or the Probing Questions tip.
- e. **Recap** a lesson. Check the Summarizing tip for three types of summaries.
- f. **Develop** questions together to ask the teacher.
- g. **Analyze** a case, problem, exercise, or experiment. Look at the Developing Analytical Abilities tip first.
- h. **Test** each other. Probing questions can be turned into quiz type questions.
- i. **Respond** to a question posed by the teacher.
- j. **Compare** notes written in lecture. See our tip on Helping Students Take Better Notes.

Silberman, Mel (1996). *Active Learning: 101 Strategies to Teach Any Subject*. Boston: Pearson.