



INQUIRY FIELD GUIDE

*20+ PRACTICAL STRATEGIES AND
PROTOCOLS TO PROMPT QUESTIONS
AND FACILITATE INVESTIGATIONS*

Mingle Pair Share

The What

Mingle Pair Shares are a great way to get students moving around the classroom and talking to different classmates. Use this strategy to encourage students to hear from a variety of perspectives in response to an open-ended question or experience.

The How

1. Pose a question or open-ended reflection prompt that will elicit a variety of responses from different students in the class.
2. Play 10-20 seconds of music as students mingle around the class, similar to musical chairs.
3. When the music stops, prompt each student to find a close-by partner and give that person a high five.
4. Allow partners to discuss their responses to the prompt.
5. After a short, timed discussion period, the music begins again and the protocol repeats.
 - Each time the music stops, students should try to find a new partner.
 - Students may be given a new prompt or question during each round, if desired.