

# Give One to Get One

## Logistics

### Materials and Preparation

Index or blank note cards

Topics, sentence stems or questions

PowerPoint® direction slides

### Time

15 minutes

**Grouping:** 4–6



## Purpose

**Give One to Get One** sets up an exchange of information in preparation for further exploration. It can be applied to a wide range of topics, including information about group members' interests and experiences.

## Intention

This interactive strategy provides physical energy and surfaces individual perspectives, knowledge and experience. It creates a shared base of information for further processing by the group members.

## Tips

Add an explicit direction to paraphrase the information being exchanged for application of this important skill.

To save meeting time, group members can bring their completed Give One cards to the meeting.

## Variations

When a group is meeting for the first time, add identity information to the card (e.g., name, role, work site).

Use this protocol for participants to reflect on their growth as a group. For example, "One way the group added to my learning..."; or "What is one contribution you made to the group's productivity during this session?"

## Instructions to Group Leader

1. Direct individuals to fill in a card with an answer to a question, a completion to a sentence stem or an association with a topic.
2. Once the cards are complete, direct group members to circulate around the room, sharing the information on their card and then *exchanging* cards with their colleague. NOTE: Individuals leave with the colleague's card.
3. After two or three exchanges, direct group members to return to their table and share the information on the card they have in hand.
4. Table groups identify themes and patterns to share with the full group.

## Example

### Sample Prompts:

One success I've experienced with our new math curriculum ...

One assumption for me in working with data ...

What is the most important skill for an effective reader?