

Student ground rules for exploratory talk

Resource theme: Dialogue in student groups

Resource type: Extension resource

Time required: 15-30 minutes

‘Student ground rules for exploratory talk’ is a resource that can be used as the initial basis for an activity in which students think together to choose six ‘Ground Rules’ that will help everyone to discuss things.

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Adapted from the [Thinking Together](#) resources (The Essential Speaking and Listening - Dawes, 2008)

Think together to choose 6 'Ground Rules' that will help everyone to discuss things

We will listen and think

We will appoint a chair person who will make decisions

We will ask for everyone's ideas

We will write down ideas and then vote

All ideas will be carefully considered by the group

We will think of a good idea and stick to it

Challenge is important and will be accepted as helpful

It is rude to disagree so we will be careful not to

We will share what we know

Knowledge is hard to share – we will share opinions only

We will take turns

We will ask for further information or reasons

The most confident person will speak for us

We will negotiate a group decision that we can all agree to

We may 'agree to differ'