

Comprehension

ELL Strategy: Carousel

Examples: Summarization, Main Idea, Facts and Details, Cause and Effect, Draw Conclusions, Plot, Theme, and Author's Purpose

Procedures:

1. After reading the selection, group students into cooperative groups.
2. Each group is to analyze the selection.
3. Have the groups summarize their learning, identify main idea and details, identify author's purpose, or cause and effect, etc. Have students use graphic organizers.
4. Have the recorder write the findings with the help of the students in the group.
5. The teacher will select two students per group, one ELL student and one monolingual English speaking student.
6. Each pair of students visits the opposite group to present their findings.

FAQ: What if the ELL student cannot articulate the findings? ELLs typically feel safer in numbers. The mere act of participation will build the ELL's listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. And, the process will build self-confidence. How can younger students summarize their learning through writing? Younger students can discuss their findings and participate in Carousel through oral presentations as they visit the other groups.