Breakout rooms Practice

Break Out Room	Strategy to Trial
1	Gambit Cards
2	Numbered Heads Together
3	Guided Discussion
4	Rally Robin
5	Numbered Heads Together

You will have 10 minutes in your breakout rooms to do the following:

- Complete the allocated task using the instructions and the discussion topics/resources
- Discuss as a group the advantages and disadvantages of this type of task
- Nominate a spokesperson to feed back to the group afterwards





Technique: Rally Robin

Brief Description In small groups alternate generating brief oral responses. Good for generating ideas, sharing thoughts, reviewing content.

Activity Structure	Discussion Topic	
 Label yourselves A and B etc. Few minutes thinking time Rally answers until you have no more. 	Ways of grouping pupils	
	Tasks that benefit from group work	
	Challenges of group work	

Technique: Numbered heads together

Brief Description

In small groups working on a problem or question. First individually, then work together to make sure everyone has best answer. Teacher calls one number to feedback.

Activity Structure		Discussion Topic	
•	Number yourselves 1,2,3,4 etc.		
•	Individually work on response	What different roles should you include for group work?	
•	Come together, share answers and build		
	collective 'best answer'		
•	One number called to feedback	What rules and expectations should you have for group work?	

Technique: Guided Discussion

Brief Description

Prompt questions to help pupils share ideas following a stimulus such as reading a text, watching a video or thinking about a question. Useful to generate deeper discussion and encourage everyone to share.

Activity Structure		Discussion Topic	
•	Groups of 4	What is your opinion on the use of competition	
•	Use round robin so everyone answers the prompt question once.	in collaborative group work?	
•	After everyone has answered, open up to respond to each other's comments and continue the discussion	What factors might affect the effectiveness of group work for all pupils?	
•	Move onto the next prompt question	What can you do about these?	

Technique: Gambit Cards

Brief Description

Useful phrases needed for effective group work printed on cards or bingo sheets. Help pupils practise effective communication during group work. Option to have one set per discussion or one set per person.

Activity Structure	Discussion Topic	
Groups of 4 ideally	"One of the second s	
• Either one set of gambit cards in the middle or one set per person	"Group work is unfair on some pupils"	
 If in the middle: Draw a card before speaking and use it in your answer 	"All learning should be done collaboratively to reflect the reality of life"	
 If one set each: Try to play all of your cards during the discussion 		

Gambit Cards – Collaborative Task

(Edit as appropriate to group)

Paraphrasing gambits	
In other words	So, you mean that
To sum it up	So, what you're saying is
If I understand you correctly	Let me rephrase that
Gambits for disagreeing politely	
That would be great except	Possible. Let's remember
That's good. Another thought is	I see what you're saying. However

Building on idea gambits		
Building on from that	Taking your idea a bit further	
I wonder if	If we agree then	

Encouraging gambits	
I'd love to hear your view on	What I love about this is
This is a great idea because	Your contribution made me think



Technique: EYFS: Supporting use of Resource Area

Brief Description

A scenario is set up in EYFS Provision; for example some small world figures need to be transported across an expanse of the Outdoor Area to safety

Activity Structure	Discussion Topic	
 Groups of 4 What Scaffolding / support introduction would be required? 	How can the impact of the adult effect the children's view of co-operation?	
 would be required? How would children be supported in defining / creating a solution? How would the adult interaction support c-operative group working? 	What do adults need to know about the children when introducing the activity?	
	What factors might affect the effectiveness of group work for all pupils?	
operative group working:	What can you do about these?	

Apply to your classroom: Break Out Rooms

• Either use your own example, or one from the next slide.

Discuss:

- What are pupils being asked to think critically about?
- What is the foundational knowledge that pupils will need to have secure so they succeed?
- How might you sequence that learning over a series of lessons?

Be ready to feed back





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	Year group and subject/topic	Objective
1	6: Mathematics	To be able to add mixed numbers without a calculator (whole number and fractions)
2	11: English	To analyse how Shakespeare presents the theme of loyalty in this extract from Macbeth?
3	1: Science	To predict which objects will float
4	5: History	Describe a day in the life of a 'chimney boy' in Victorian England
5	9: Science	Design an experiment to determine the value of acceleration due to gravity
6	7: MFL	Hold a conversation in the target language with a partner about what activities they enjoy outside of school
7	EYFS: Measuring comparisons	Categorise items into groups, e.g. longer/shorter, thinner/fatter, heavier/ lighter
8	8: PE (Dance)	Create a warm-up routine for a partner





Action Planning for Year 2 – Local Group Session 3

