

# Chat Stations

What is the exercise?	Use chat stations to create effective small group discussions on different questions or ideas
Planning and materials	Picking the questions and printing out sheets for each station Worksheets for groups to note down their answers Using a classroom that is suitable for movement Pens + paper for students
How many students?	10+
How it works	The teacher places questions/ideas around the room Students are divided into groups Groups rotate around the stations, discussing the chat station topic and recording their answers/thoughts Once every station has been visited by every group, students return to their seats The whole class then discusses each chat station and shares thoughts and answers
Adaptations and Differentiations	High ability: Give students harder questions and/or less time  Lower ability: At each chat station have a sheet with questions/prompts to help generate discussion  Adaptation: Get a group to have an example discussion first, so you can discuss what effective group discussion looks like. Make it a game! If each chat station is an exam question, students gain points depending how correct their answer is – and points mean prizes!
Best used	In a lesson As a main activity With a whole class To develop learning and thinking on a topic
Your notes:	