

MINUTE MANIA

Verbal Processing Activity

This is a great activity for:

- 1) pre-writing processing of a topic.
- 2) a review exercise when you want them to study for a quiz.
- 3) after you've read a selection to get the students to verbalize what has been read.
- 4) right after weekends or breaks to give students time to "catch up" with what has gone on in their lives.

Directions:

- 1) Pair up participants and have them decide who is going to speak first.
(longest hair, smallest shoe size, etc.)
- 2) Give the topic for discussion.
- 3) Instructions to group:
 "When I say, 'GO' the first person will begin talking on the topic to his/her partner. When I say, "Stop and Switch", you will switch speakers."
- 4) The facilitator gives the direction, "Go" and then say "Stop and Switch" about every 30 seconds so each person should have two opportunities to speak.
- 5) At the end of the given time, each person must relate one thing that their partner shared with them.

Variation: Put the pairs into groups of 4-6 participants and have each share with the group one thing their partner said.