

MINUTE-MANIA



This is a great activity for:

- 1) Pre-writing processing of a topic.
- 2) Practicing speaking in complete sentences.
- 3) Verbally processing a selection students that has been read
- 4) A review exercise when you want them to study for a quiz or test.
- 5) Right after weekends or breaks to give students time to “catch up” with what has gone on in their lives.

Directions:

- 1) Put participants in groups of two. Have them decide who is going to speak first. Encourage speaking in complete sentences.
- 2) Give a topic that they will talk about to each other.
- 3) On the word ‘GO’ the first person will begin talking on the topic to his/her partner. At the direction given, **“Stop and Switch”** the first person quits talking and the second person begins.
- 4) At the end of the given time, each person must relate one thing that their partner shared with them.
- 5) The facilitator will give the “stop and switch” direction every 20+ seconds for 1 - 2 minutes. At the end of the time the facilitator allows each pair to share one thing their partner told them.

OPTION: After the time for talking in pairs is up, put into groups of four and have them share one thing their partner told them.

This activity may be done several times in a row with different topics such as:

- a) after Christmas break topics:
 - 1) Gifts received
 - 2) Places I went
 - 3) Favorite time
- b) for a book they are reading:
 - 1) Setting of the story
 - 2) Characters
 - 3) Favorite part