

## Pair-Practice

Pairing and grouping exercises give students time, especially in large classes, to practice important speaking skills. Organizing students to work together can be somewhat frustrating at the start, but once they clearly understand what you expect of them, subsequent pairing or grouping activities usually proceed more smoothly.

1. Explain that this kind of exercise is to allow students to practice their speaking skills, not their writing skills. Tell students to put away all writing materials.
2. Have each student choose a partner (You will probably have to go around the classroom and pair up students the first few times.) Encourage students to pair up with different partners each time.
3. Indicate the material you want the students to practice.
4. Go around the classroom; listen to individuals and correct any errors you hear. (This is an excellent opportunity to spend time with your weaker students.)

### **Grouping:**

1. Divide the class into groups of four or five.
2. Present a problem (e.g., values clarifications); tell the students they must come up with a solution to the problem that all the group members support unanimously.
3. While the groups are discussing, compromising, and agreeing on solutions, walk around the classroom to correct mistakes you hear or answer questions.

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