

## M A Î T R E D'

The teacher invites students to “tables” of various sizes, where they exchange ideas on a topic. This is a good activity for helping students share a range of ideas or opinions.

**Skills practiced:** Listening, turn-taking, staying focused and brief when speaking, moving carefully

### Directions

1. Activity begins with students standing in a circle. You call out a grouping (for example, “Table for two”) and students form groups with the specified number of members.
2. Give a topic for discussion. Let students know how long they’ll have to share.
3. When time is up, announce a new table grouping and new topic.

### Tips for Success

- Create your list of discussion topics for the different groupings.
- Use a signal to get attention when it’s time to move to a new group.
- Consider giving a thirty-second warning before inviting students to move to a new group.
- Model how to move safely and efficiently into new groupings.