

Developing an Online Discussion Activity: Think • Pair • Share

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- Here's a short activity to help you think about an online discussion activity that you might develop.
 - 1. jot down a few notes for each of the questions that follow.
 - 2. next, turn to a partner and discuss your responses. Trade ideas!
 - 3. finally, we'll share a few responses to the whole group
- **Questions**
 - 1. What topics will your learners discuss? How will learners benefit from the discussion(s)?
 - 2. How might the activity be structured? Who will be discussing? (learners-instructor, learners-learners, or perhaps someone outside the course?) How long might the discussion activity last? How many postings will learners make, and when? Do any of the formats listed in Tip 10 look promising?
 - 3. How will learner postings be assessed? How will you judge the success of your online activity? What sort of information do you expect to need in order to improve your online activity the next time it's offered?