

## Elbow Partner, Turn and Exchange \*

Instructional Goal: Share and further ideas, questions, knowledge



### **Start with an Elbow Partner Exchange**

1. Ask participants to turn to an elbow partner (someone's whose elbow is near one of your elbows).
2. Give participants a minute or two to exchange an idea or question. It is an exchange where the ideas or questions are like gifts; everyone should be sure to give one and receive one in the allotted amount of time.

### **How to Begin Using Roles**

Introduce "roles" with students by starting with a task to be completed with an "Elbow Partner Exchange." Usually when partners are assigned roles they complete their task and then change roles so that each partner does both roles. Once students know the routines then the roles can easily be used along with rounds in groups of three, four, and teams.

<b>Elbow Exchange</b>		
<b>Partner 1</b>	<b>Partner 2</b>	<b>Directions</b>
Questioner	Speaker	Questioner finds out from partner. Speaker shares question or summary.
Summarizer	Detail Adder	Summarizer sums-up lesson or main idea of a reading. Detail adder adds to the summary a vocabulary word or connection to a previous lesson, or a question.
Recorder Note-taker	Presenter Summarizer	A recorder jots down notes from a short discussion with an elbow partner. Together they star the most important points or questions in the notes. Then the Summarizers reports out to the class a summary of the discussion.
Problem Solver	Problem Checker	Problem solver shares answer and strategy used to solve a problem. Problem checker monitors if the solution and strategy shared were the same or different than his/her own work.
Word Definer	Word Illustrator	Word definer offers a definition for a vocabulary word. Word illustrator makes the meaning visible by using the word in a problem or sentence, drawing the meaning or suggesting synonyms.