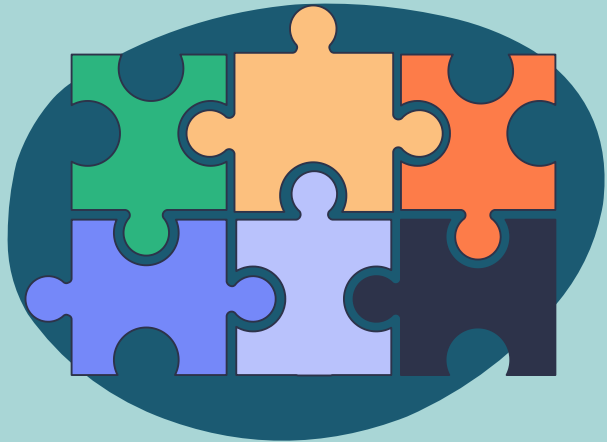


# JIGSAW

The Jigsaw Method is a teamwork strategy where each student learns one part of a topic and then teaches it to their group, so the whole class pieces together the full concept.



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## WHAT

The Jigsaw Method is a cooperative learning strategy where students each learn one part of a topic and then teach it to their peers.

Students start in expert groups to study their assigned section. Then they move to home groups, where each person shares what they learned so the whole group gets the full picture.

It's like assembling a puzzle: every student holds a piece, and the learning only comes together when everyone participates.

## ARTICLES

[Reading Rockets Strategy Guide](#)

[ReadWriteThink Strategy Guide](#)

[Jigsaw Topic Ideas](#)

[4 Things You Didn't Know...](#)

## WHY

- **Reduces learning barriers**, because content is chunked into manageable parts
- **Increases engagement**, because everyone has a role that matters
- **Strengthens communication** & teaching skills
- **Increases understanding** & retention because they learn from peers
- **Encourages teamwork** & interdependence
- **Supports diverse learners** who benefit from structured collaboration
- **Builds confidence** by becoming an "expert" on something

## VIDEOS

[How to Video -short \( 1 min\).](#)

[How to Video -More detailed \( 6 min\).](#)

[How to Jigsaw: Cross Academy \(2 min.\)](#)

[Reading Example](#)

[Secondary Math Example](#)

[Informational Text Example](#)

## PRINTABLES

[Jigsaw Graphic Organizer- editable](#)

## PRO TIPS!

- **Balance the chunks** so each expert group has a manageable amount.
- **Give note-taking scaffolds** so students know what to capture.
- **Use timers** to keep groups on pace.
- **Model a mini "teach back"** so students know what good peer explaining looks like.
- **Assign roles** if groups need more structure.
- **Circulate and listen** for misconceptions before they spread.
- **Add visuals/language supports** for learners who need them.
- **Start with an easier topic** the first time you introduce Jigsaw