

Outline: Placemat: Ss write what they know individually, then compare and answer a “sponge” question.

Thinking Skills: comparing, contrasting, combining, justifying

Time: 20 minutes

Language skills: speaking, writing

Level: B1-B2

1. In groups Ss brainstorm a question individually, each one in their part using different markers.
2. Then Ss are given a new synthesising question they need to cooperate and combine their previous ideas. They now write their ideas in the middle of the mat.
3. Teacher discusses a “sponge” question with the whole class (plenary) and all groups to agree on the ideal answer.

