**Compass Group Four-Way Shares**

This comprehension strategy is used during reading and helps teachers manage classroom discussion and gives equal access to everyone.

The process guarantees even the most reluctant talkers a

chance to respond.

Procedure:

1. Four students sit either on the floor or at tables at the points of a compass, one in north position, one in east, one in south, and one in west.

2. With groups bunched throughout the room, the teacher announces north’s turn. After about five minutes, the teacher suggests that north conclude and in one minute announces east’s turn and so on.

3. After about twenty-five minutes, each child will have had a turn to share and respond for about five to seven minutes.

4. The teacher can wander and listen in on many group discussions.

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