

# COOPERATIVE LEARNING

Jigsaw  
Reading Strategy



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## Jigsaw is a fun cooperative learning strategy for all learners!

The first step is to break your students up into heterogeneous groups. I always group my student desks into groups of 4-6, so these groups work perfectly with this strategy.

Then, depending on how many students you have in each heterogeneous group, choose that many nonfiction texts on one topic. For example, say you have 6 groups of 4 students. You will choose 4 different texts, one for each student in the group to read.

Follow the steps in the Jigsaw poster.

1. Give each student in the heterogeneous groups a number from 1-4 (or however many students are in each group). These numbers become their Expert Group.
2. Give each expert group a different nonfiction text (in the correct complexity band). These texts should be on the same topic that is being studied. Time for Kids articles, text from National Geographic for Kids online, or nonfiction readers are all good examples of text.
3. Students meet with their expert groups and discuss what was read. They fill out a graphic organizer with the important facts from the text.
4. Students then return to their original heterogeneous groups and go around in a circle to report what they learned. And share their graphic organizer. A sheet can be filled out with all the new information.

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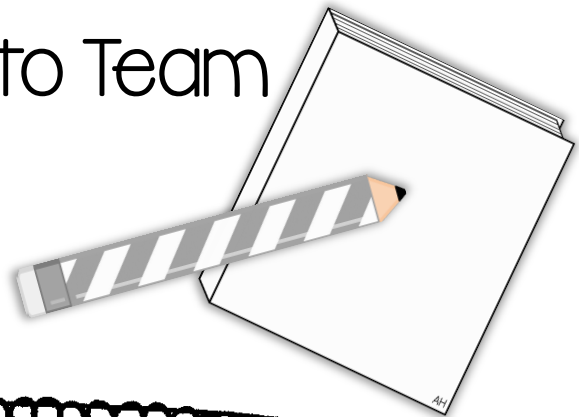
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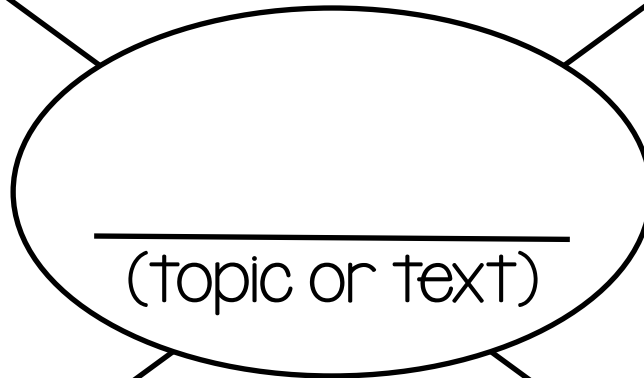
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# MIND MAP



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Expert Texts	Expert Topics				

# MIND MAP

## Born

Amphibians are born from eggs.  
Amphibian eggs are called spawn.

## Adult

Adult frogs have lungs and live on land and water.  
Females lay eggs and start the cycle again.

## Baby

Amphibians are called tadpoles when they are born. They have gills to breathe and live under water.

## Child

As frogs continue to change, they grow legs. At this stage they are called froglets. They still swim in the water, but also are learning how to use their legs.



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Expert Texts	Expert Topics				
Animals	Born	Baby	Child	Adult	Other Interesting Facts
Amphibians	Born from eggs	Called tadpoles. Have gills.	Grow legs. Called froglets.	Lose the tail. Are called frogs.	Frogs drink water through their skin.
Birds					
Mammals					
Reptiles					
Fish					

Example



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