

# **Instructional Activity: Carousel Cruising**

## **Instructional goals:**

- Review
- Recall

## **Description:**

This strategy is used to help students review a unit. The teacher breaks the unit down into several questions and puts them on butcher paper around the room. Students will work in small groups to brainstorm what they can remember about the different topics listed on the papers. This activity will help all styles of learners review the material taught.

## **How to incorporate it in the classroom:**

1. Write a question or subtopic on each chart.
2. Divide the students into small groups. Choose a recorder and a reporter for each group.
3. Give each group a different colored marker and send one group to each chart.
4. Give the students 60-90 seconds to come up with an answer to the question or ideas about the subtopic. The recorder will write the groups answers on the chart.
5. After 60-90 seconds, signal the students to rotate to the right. Have the recorder give the marker to a different student in the group and continue this process until all the groups have rotated through each of the charts.
6. Each group cruises back to their original chart and reviews all the ideas that were added by the other groups. Students can then group the responses into different categories or select the three most important ones.
7. Each group will have their reporter share with the class their categories or three top answers.

## **Example:**

**Science:** The following are the questions that would be used at the end of the Cells unit in Biology. Each question would be written on a different piece of butcher paper.

1. Do plants cells do respiration and photosynthesis? Why?
2. Each group needs to list one product and reactant of respiration.
3. Each group needs to list one product and one reactant of photosynthesis.
4. What are the 10 organelles and their jobs in the cell.
5. What are the different components of the cell membrane?
6. List the three types of passive transport.
7. List the three types of active transport.

Follow the steps above to have students answer each of the questions in small groups.