

Phone A Friend



“OK Contestant...Please select a friend to help you with this one. You have thirty seconds to discuss your options...”

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HOW IT WORKS

- Instructor selects one student to phone a friend
- Student asks a classmate to help with one quiz item
- The two students discuss which response option they selected and why
 - Discuss other possible answers and why they did not choose them
- The rest of the class listens to the discussion but *cannot* participate
- Students may change their answer based on the discussion



- Have to read assigned texts to do well on the quiz
 - and to help each other answer questions (interdependence)
- Learn from each other (active learning)
 - peer language, Piaget, Vygotsky
- Discussion makes the concepts more memorable

Supporting Evidence

- Improved quiz grades
- Improved test grades
- Positive feedback on course evaluations
- Students prefer quizzes