



# Concentric circles

## Level

Intermediate-advanced

## Time

50-80 minutes

## Outline

Information gap  
Taking notes  
Summarising  
Attentive listening  
Reporting back

## Focus

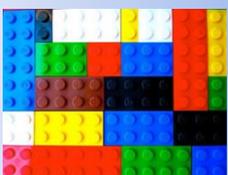
Reading  
Speaking  
Writing  
Listening

## Material

2 different texts  
on the same  
theme

## Thinking skills

HOTS



## Procedure

1. Offer the class a choice of two texts (on the same theme but different). Make sure you have equal numbers taking one text.
2. Hand out the 2 different texts to each pair together with a colour-coded, postcard-sized card, e.g. text one = yellow, text two = green.
3. Explain that everyone needs to take bullet-point notes on their coloured cards.
4. Allow learners 10-20 minutes for reading (depending on the length of the texts).
5. Form one circle with the yellow cardholders with their backs to the centre (with about 1m between two cardholders).
6. Tell the green cardholders to stand in front of a yellow cardholder, facing them.
7. Tell the yellow people to stay put.
8. Tell the green people to move on one person to the left (trial round).
9. Tell the green person to report on their text with the help of their bullet-points.
10. Tell the yellow person to listen attentively to the green person and memorise what they hear.
11. Tell the yellow person to move one person to the left.
12. Tell the yellow person to report back to their new green partner what they have just heard from their previous partner. Ask the green partner to listen attentively, help and add.
13. Ask the pairs to be quiet when they have finished for you to gauge when to move on with the next step.
14. Repeat steps 9-12 with the yellow people.
15. Ask your learners to sit down and take notes on the text they heard about.

## Alternative

- a. Assign step 3-4 for homework.
- b. Replace step 15. Hand out the second text, i.e. the green text to a yellow person and vice versa.
- c. Replace a text with a webpage or video. Assign steps 1-4 for homework.