

# How to Do Beginners Circle Time

1. **Stay at the group level as much as possible.** Try to avoid asking questions to individual students, especially with beginners, until all of the students are really familiar with what you want them to say.

2. **Ask the group a question that they answer as a group.** Watch all of the students to make sure everyone has answered, not just your strong students. Have them repeat it until **all** students are speaking together in unison.



3. **Whisper what you want them to say.** Speak normally when you are asking a question and then whisper the answer. Train them to know that what you whisper is what you want them to say.

4. **Repeat until they can say it without help.** Repeat the question and have them answer until they can say the answer without you having to whisper it first. Then get them to ask you the question.

5. **Give them the chance to practice individually.** Have them get with a partner to ask and answer the question, or go around the room and interview everyone. Each student should have the chance to say the question and answer many times individually. You just don't want everyone else waiting around while they do.