Think, pair, share — desk card

About seven minutes: one question on the board, a stop signal between every stage, and a draw instead of raised hands.

1 **Think — one minute**

“On your own, answer in pen. No talking until I say ‘pair’.”

2 **Pair — two minutes**

“A starts, then B. In the last half-minute, write one sentence: what you agreed on, or where you disagreed.” Then: “3, 2, 1, pens down.”

3 **Share — three minutes**

“I'm drawing pairs at random. One of you reads your sentence.” Write their words on the board and ask: “Who wrote something different?”

4 **Close — 30 seconds**

One sentence from you that sums up, and corrects a mistake if it came up more than once.

Purpose	Sentence starter
Give your idea	“I think… because…”
Check you understood your partner	“So you're saying… Is that right?”
Ask about the method	“How did you get…?”
Agree and add	“I agree, and I'd add that…”
Disagree politely	“I see it differently, because…”
The pair's sentence	“We agreed that…, and we disagreed about…”
Report your partner's idea	“My partner said…, and it convinced me because…”
When you didn't get there	“We didn't reach an answer, but we know that…”

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