

# Go Fish! Tip Sheet



## *What is the Go Fish! Strategy?*

Go Fish! is an instructional strategy in which various open ended or content specific questions are chosen from a bag to allow quick processing of content.

## *How does Go Fish! help students learn?*

Go Fish! engages the kinesthetic learner; it keeps them on task with its fast pace. It is a perfect 2 minute activity meeting the guidelines of the 10 - 2 rule. Repetition is built in; even GT students cannot complain when they seem to pull the same question multiple times.

## *Creating your Go Fish! Card Sets*

- Obtain at least one paper bag for each group. Colored bags work the best as the cards inside can be color coded to match the bag. That way, if a card is found outside of a bag, it is easy to place it where it belongs.
- Develop at least 10 open ended questions which cross the various curricular boundaries and allow for multiple correct answers.
- Reproduce your Go Fish! questions onto colored card stock and laminate for durability. The cards can easily serve your bilingual students by making one side of each card English and the reverse in Spanish,
- Cut out the question cards and place a set in each bag.
- Note: Content specific questions can also be developed. It is easiest if they are reproduced onto a different shape so it is easy to remove them from the bags without having to read each question.

## *Using your Go Fish! Bags*



- Students open the bag on their table, but do not peek inside!
- They take turns drawing a question from the bag and answering it for the group.
- If a student receives the same question another student has already answered, the question needs to be answered in a new and different way.
- Most questions take about 30 seconds to answer, so after 2 minutes, a group can be called upon to share something they discussed then the lesson can continue.

**Share  
one question  
you have about  
the topic we are  
studying.**

**Name  
one way that  
this topic applies to  
your daily life.**

**How  
could this topic  
apply to other  
subjects?**

**Ask  
your group a  
question about this  
topic.**

**What is the  
most important thing  
we have discussed so  
far today?**