



LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

# Tips for Adapting Activities for Remote Delivery

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# Problem Solving

## What it is

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Problem solving refers to our ability to solve problems in an effective and timely manner without any impediments. It involves being able to identify and define the problem, generate alternative solutions, evaluate and select the best alternative, and implement the selected solution.

## How to make it happen online

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Through discussion boards, divide your class into small teams. Assign the class with a simple or complex problem – just as you would in a classroom. Assign a time limit for deliberation and resolution. Debrief the solution with the class and highlight key learnings.

# Idea Share

## What it is

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The rationale behind idea share as a learning strategy in a classroom setting lies behind the diversity and uniqueness of each individual student. Distinct concepts and ideas resonate differently with each individual, and this is leveraged to enrich the learning experience of everyone in the class.

## How to make it happen online

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Introduce the activity to the class. Allocate time for students to identify the idea they would like to share and prepare short presentations which would include answers to these questions: Why did this idea catch your attention? Why do you think this idea is important/relevant to you? Can this idea be applied in the real world? Are there any questions you would like to ask the class?

# Q&A

## What it is

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Q&A (question and answer) refers to a session during which students ask and/or answer questions asked by their instructor and/or their peers.

## How to make it happen online

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Ask students to record any questions they may have during an explanation of the course work. After your presentation, ask students to virtually “raise their hand” and state questions for the benefit of the entire class. Ask students for input on the correct response. Provide feedback or the correct response if students were not able to do so. Clarity is particularly important during Q&A.

# Case Studies

## What it is

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A case study is a research method involving an up-close, in-depth, and detailed examination of a particular case. It usually provides real-world context and helps translate abstract concepts into reality.

## How to make it happen online

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Create small teams. Introduce and distribute the case study to individual students. Allocate time for reading, discussion, and resolution within the team. After the discussion period ask one of the teams to volunteer sharing their approach/ solution. Allow other teams to contribute, critique, and ask questions. Guide the discussion to a successful discovery of the correct approach.

# Debates and Discussions

## What it is

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A discussion group is a gathering of individuals that come together formally or informally to discuss ideas, solve problems, or make comments. Debate is a process that involves formal discussion of a particular topic.

## How to make it happen online

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Ask the class a question (controversial, open-ended, substantive). Have students pair up, and provide an allotted time for research, analysis, and team discussion. Debrief the activity by asking for any interesting findings or statements. Answer questions and encourage further discussion.

# Turn the Tables Activity

## What it is

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This refers to a teaching concept whereby the students become the teacher and the teacher plays the role of a student. This approach is applicable to an entire class group or to smaller groups within the class.

## How to make it happen online

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Divide the course material into several organic sections. Separate the class into small teams and assign each team a portion of the course material. Allocate time for preparation. Let each team present in the order of the natural flow of the class. Facilitate discussion and encourage the other teams to ask questions.