

Mini-Lesson: Working in Writing Partnerships

Intention (Skill): Working Together in Writing Partnerships

Teaching Point (Strategy): Writers support their partners by asking questions and giving friendly tips and compliments.

Connections: I heard you guys are starting to think about being good writing partners. Yesterday, you learned how to take care of your partner's feelings when you talk about their writing. Writing partners are SO important because they help us make our writing better.

Today, I want to teach you how to support your writing partner. You can do this by asking questions, giving friendly tips, and giving compliments.

Teach: Let me show you what I mean. (Build anchor chart.)

If you're trying to give a friendly tip, it might sound like this:

"Maybe you can show me how you were feeling here."

"Don't forget to use easy-to-read writing!"

Compliments might sound like this:

"My favorite part is _____ because..."

"I love the way you..."

Some questions you might ask are:

"How were you feeling here?"

"Can you tell me more about this part?"

Active Engagement: Now it's your turn to try it. Turn to your partner and trade writing with them. Take a minute to read their writing quietly, then give them some support. You can use one of the ideas from our chart if you're not sure what to say.

(Listen to and coach partner conversations.)

Link: So today, or anytime you're meeting with your writing partner, remember that you can support them by asking questions, giving friendly tips, and giving compliments.

Share: (Find a student who is complimenting well. Make them famous!)