

Name of Protocol: Praise, Question, Suggestion

Purpose: Used to offer critique and feedback

Time: Time varies, from 30 minutes-1 hour

Roles: Facilitator, participants

Materials: Possible product descriptors, rubrics, checklists, questions, copies of work

Procedure:

1. Have participants break into groups of two to five.
2. The first participant presents the draft. The presenter might ask the other group members to focus on a particular question or a part of the work needing revision.
3. Group members first focus on what is praiseworthy or working well. Praise needs to be specific.
4. Next, group members ask questions and offer helpful suggestions that relate to the revision question(s).
5. After each member of the group has offered feedback, the presenter discusses which suggestions they want to implement and thanks the group.
6. Other group members then present their work in turn and cycle through the steps of the feedback process.

Variations:

1. Time guidelines could be used for each part of the protocol: praise, question, suggestion
2. Feedback could be written down on sticky notes and given to the presenter.

Ideas for Debrief:

1. Process check: how did the protocol go in our group? Could anything have gone better?
2. Emotions check: Did any emotions come up for you today?
3. Purpose check: What are your next steps? How will you use the feedback today moving forward?

Credits:

Berger, R., Strasser, D., Woodfin, L. (2015) Praise, Question, Suggestion. *EL Education Management in the Active Classroom* p. 143.