grade A classroom



Snowball

Display three questions on the board and give each student a scrap piece of paper (at least A5 size). Students select one question to answer the best they can on their scrap paper.

The idea of having three questions is to ensure all students can access at least one of the questions. Students appreciate having choice and options.

After an appropriate amount of time, ask students to stop writing and scrunch their paper up into a ball.

This is the fun part!

Students throw their paper across the room, like a snowball.

Students pick up a snowball, open it up and decipher which question has been answered.

They then add to or edit the answer that has already been written.

Again, after an appropriate amount of time, students scrunch up the paper and throw it across the room.

Repeat this 3 or 4 times.

The questions will gather information, just like a snowball gathers snow.

Go through model answers to each of the questions and allow students to self-check the snowball they have ended with.