quickchecks

1 question quiz

quickcheck
- teacher presents 1 practice question over content just taught
- students respond on a white board, paper, etc.
- students reveal responses and discuss similarities/differences

think it up
- clarify and verify thinking
- ask great questions
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7 little words

quickcheck
- students summarize the content taught with 7 words
- students reveal their words, discuss similarities/differences, and revise their original list as appropriate

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analogy challenge

quickcheck
- students complete the analogy stem below
  » content just taught is like real life idea because __________.
- students share analogy with a partner and explain the relationship

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applause-o-meter
quickcheck
• teacher writes a few concepts, words, or steps taught during the lesson
• students select the idea that they are MOST confident in understanding and applaud when the teacher calls their word
• students then select the idea that they are LEAST confident in understanding and applaud when the teacher calls their word
• teacher adjusts instruction accordingly

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click or clunk
quickcheck
• students draw a T-chart and label the columns: “CLICK” and “CLUNK”
  » students write the ideas that they understand under the “CLICK” column
  » students write the ideas they do not understand under “CLUNK”
• Option: instead of writing responses, teacher may choose for students to respond with a signal (snap for ideas that “click”; tap their desk for ideas that “clunk.”)

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compare & critique
quickcheck
• students respond to a question
• students compare responses with a partner
• students critique how each started, processed, and answered the question, noting similarities and differences in approach

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**dot 2 dot consensogram**

**quickcheck**
- students draw a rectangle with 3 sections labeled “low, medium, high”

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<th>low</th>
<th>medium</th>
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- Students draw a dot in the box that reflects their confidence in understanding the content
  - at the beginning of the lesson
  - at the end of the lesson
- teacher notes how students’ dots moved and adjusts instruction accordingly

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**face time**

**quickcheck**
- students respond by drawing an emoji face based on their understanding: happy, sad, confused, neutral, frustrated, surprised, etc.
- students write one sentence explaining their “response face”
- students turn and talk to share responses

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**graffiti quickcheck**
- students draw a one-minute “graffiti” representing a major concept
- students write 1 sentence explaining or justifying their graffiti
- students turn and talk to share responses

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**hot/cold quickcheck**
- students draw a T-chart labeling “HOT” on the left and “COLD” on the right
- teacher lists words/ideas on the white board, and students write those ideas in either the “hot” or “cold” column
  - HOT = list all the words/ideas that make complete sense
  - COLD = list all the words/ideas that are still confusing
- share responses and coach each other on the “cold” areas

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**knock-knock test quickcheck**
- knock on your desk three times if... (choose one of the stems below)
  - you completely understand ______________________________
  - you need me to explain ________________________________ a different way
  - you know ________________________________ well enough to teach it to someone
- students turn and talk to summarize understanding or ask questions

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mind map learning reflection
quickcheck
• students write an important word or concept in the center of a piece of paper
• use words, colors, symbols, or other visuals connected to the word
• write a summary statement of their essential learning

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MTV (Move-Think-Verify) Challenge
quickcheck
• students MOVE to get a thinking partner using one of the “Movement and Discourse” strategies from the Playlist (Four Corners, Musical Mix-Freeze-Group, Pair-Square-Share, or Shake and Share)
• student pairs THINK to answer a “think it up” question posed by the teacher
• teacher VERIFIES responses and adjusts instruction accordingly

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notable partners
quickcheck
• set a timer for two minutes
• take notes by summarizing in words and pictures
• assign students a “notable partner” - share, compare, and extend summaries
• ask each other questions, make clarifications in notes

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one sentence summary

quickcheck
• students write one sentence summarizing what they learned
• pair up and share, adding ideas and deepening understanding

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picture worth 1000 words

quickcheck
• teacher shows a visual/picture relating to an important part of the lesson
• students write a description of the visual/picture
• pair up, share, make connections to other vocabulary, processes, and content
• draw a conclusion about the importance of the visual/picture

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ping-pong summary

quickcheck
• student partners decide who is ping and who is pong
• ping summarizes/teaches the content just learned
• pong adds to, clarifies, and extends the content just shared
• reverse the roles in the next summary

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plus-check-minus

quickcheck
- students write and reveal the symbol reflecting their understanding
  - plus = totally understand and could teach someone else
  - check = understand most of it
  - minus = not sure I understand this yet
- students pair up and talk about their symbols
  - plus = extend and attach the content to another lesson or concept
  - check = explain what you know
  - minus = ask a question

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respond, reveal, revise

quickcheck
- teacher asks a question about information just taught
- students respond and reveal their answer on a response card, dry erase board, or with response clickers
- students turn and talk to explain their answer
- students revise answers to make them more complete or more thoughtful

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shape up quiz

quickcheck
- students draw a large square and write what “squares” with their thinking (what makes sense).
- students draw a large circle and write what is still rolling around in their head (what is still confusing).
- turn and talk, share and compare “shape up” responses

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**sketch it**
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- students brainstorm all the different visuals that might be associated with the concept (maps, chart graphs, tables, diagrams, etc.)
- choose one idea and quick sketch the visual
- explain the sketch to a partner
- count and compare how many different visuals are represented in the class

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**stop-n-go**
**quickcheck**
- students label three sections of a paper:
  - stop: what do you need more time to stop and think about?
  - caution: what content is slowing you down?
  - go: what are you going to take off with from today’s learning?
- turn and talk, share and compare responses

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**stop! talk! question!**
**quickcheck**
- ask students to...
  - stop: what they are doing
  - talk: to a person sitting next, explain one thing they learned so far
  - question: share one question they still have

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think tracker quickcheck
- students respond to one of the question stems below to track the changes in their thinking:
  » I used to think ________________, but now I think _________________.
  » I thought I knew ________________, but I was mixed up about _________________.
- turn and talk to explain responses and extend thinking

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thumbs quickcheck
- students respond to a question using a signal:
  » thumb up: totally understand
  » thumb sideways: kind-of understand
  » thumb down: don’t understand
- turn and talk to explain, coach each other, and extend thinking

yet to yes quickcheck
- students draw an arrow or line labeling the left “yet,” the middle “kind of,” and the right “yes”
- teacher asks: how well do you understand concept you are teaching?
- student draw a dot on the “yet to yes” arrow
- turn and talk and coach each other on the difficult parts

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