

# TALKING CHIP

Talking Chip is a good way to check for understanding and it can help to make sure each person in the group is heard. It is also a good way to set the platform for the next activity or the next day. This protocol makes sure that not one student dominates the conversation and that you can hear each students' concerns and thoughts.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

First, you should have a discussion topic ready. Have the question highlighted on the screen or posted on the board.

Give some thinking time (e.g. 1-2 minutes)

Any participant can start the discussion by placing one of his/her chips at the center of the table. They can start sharing his/her ideas. The rest will just listen. After which, the next participant can put their chip in and share their thoughts. This continues until everyone has used their talking chips. When a participant uses all of his/her chips, their job is to just listen to the rest of the group share.

If time allows, the participants can get all their chips back and continue the discussion some more. For in the classroom: Have one person in the group record the ideas discussed and then share with the whole group after the activity is done.

