

Final Word Protocol

Best done in groups of 3-6 based on time limitations.

3 group members	Rounds 5-6 minutes	Time = 15-18 minutes + reading time
4 group members	Rounds 6-7 minutes	Time = 24-28 minutes + reading time
5 group members	Rounds 7-8 minutes	Time = 35-40 minutes + reading time
6 group member	Rounds 8-9 minutes	Time = 48-54 minutes + reading time

Introduce the protocol and the text to be examined. It should be short so that it takes no more than 10 minutes to examine. Ask everyone to select a couple of statements or segments that have particular meaning they would like to draw attention to within a group.

Each group needs a facilitator who assigns an order for the group to comment in a circle and makes certain the group stays focused on the protocol. The facilitator participates as a group member as well. There also needs to be a second person who strictly tracks time with a partner who will monitor time when the timekeeper speaks.

The person designated to start will have 2 minutes to present **uninterrupted** one selection and why they thought it was important to discuss.

Following the 2 minutes, each member of the group in turn has 1 minute to comment **uninterrupted** or further the thinking presented by the speaker.

When all other group members have had their minute, the presenter gets a minute to wrap up their thinking based on what they have heard others say.

The facilitator prompts the second person to present and the process is repeated. **2 minutes uninterrupted** for the presenter followed by one minute from each group member and then one minute final word.

This is repeated until every group member has been the presenter.

After each group is finished as a large group, debrief the general ideas that surfaced. Then make certain to debrief the process as well.