

Teaching notes

Use this diamond ranking template to help students group ideas in order of importance. The most important idea goes at the top of the diamond, then the next two most important, then the next three, and so on, down to the single least important idea. This 'bunches' ideas in a way that can be more meaningful, and less time consuming, than putting them in rank order. It encourages students to think critically and carefully about the issue under discussion, and to commit to a position on it.

Either ready-make your diamond template cards or get students to fill them in themselves.

Other suggestions

You could try printing off a blank template sheet, enlarging onto a sheet of A3, and getting them laminated. You now have a wipe-clean permanent resource to use with dry-wipe pens.

You could also try giving the students more cards than there are spaces on the grid. This gives students the extra task of actively rejecting some ideas. Also, you could give one or two blank cards so that they can swap an idea for something they think is better.



