Pair Programming Cheatsheet

Pairing Template

- Agree on the high-level goal out loud
- 2. Break the work into a handful of tasks and prioritize them
- 3. Decide your driver/navigator swapping strategy
- 4. Eliminate distractions
- 5. Work
- 6. Analyze the session with a mini retro

Pairing Dialogue

- Say "I think..." to propose an idea.
- Ask "Do we agree..." to confirm the agreement.
- Say "We agree..." to discuss progress towards goals.
- Ask "What would it take to get you in..." if your pair disagrees with a proposed idea.

Desirable Behaviour		
Driver		Navigator
0	Program out loud Voice your expectations: "This test is going to pass now" Ask the obvious: "Can we commit this now?" Give a heads up "We've got to do this as well"	 Follow along, stop if it doesn't make sense Actively confirm or reject assumptions Question non-obvious solutions Look for the quickest path Think a few steps ahead of the driver
Both		
0000000000	Pay attention and be engaged Encourage vulnerability ("I don't know") and discourage judgement Don't attach self-value with our code Be humble and willing to try things Own your emotions and be patient with your pair Expect miscommunications - ask for clarification Let the less experienced partner drive Take breaks at the same time Rotate pairs often Have courage	