

# Pairing Exercise

## Setup

Each pair will write a short story (fiction), based on "requirements" (see The Story below). The pair will take turns working on the story, alternating as indicated below.

Activity will be broken into two minute turns.

During each turn, one member of the pair will write, while the other will watch and ensure that the constraints are met (see The Rules below).

At the end of each turn, you will switch roles.

There will be six turns.

## The Story

- **Introduce the setting:** work, geography, industry, weather, time of day,...
- **Introduce character one:** gender, name, age, education, single/married/paired/whatever
- **Introduce character two:** gender, name, age, education, pet(s), hobbies
- **Introduce character one's job**
- **Conversation** between One and Two about a problem at work
- **Manager appears** and participates in conversation
- **All three go out for lunch:** where, what kind of food, how do they get there

## The Rules

- No sentences longer than twenty words--shoot for ten or less.
- Character names no more than two syllables.
- No paragraphs longer than five sentences.
- No "he said" and "she said" - must use names.
- No sentence may begin with "So" or "And" or "But".
- Use adjectives judiciously.
- Locale must be a real place.