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The 6-3-5 method

**Finding ideas for a given topic**

The 6-3-5 method is an ideation tool also called „brainwriting“ that helps teams to generate ideas.

How you do it:

The paper approach:

* Each member of the group gets one of the ideation sheets
* Each member writes the problem you are (all) dealing with at the top of the sheet.
* For the first line each participant writes down 3 ideas to solve the problem.
* After 3 minutes, the sheets are passed clockwise to the next person.
* Everyone now tries to develop the existing ideas and write down 3 new ideas.
* Pass the sheets around until everybody has given input to every idea. In other words: until each member has back his or hers original sheet.
* Make sure someone watches the time during the rounds.
* The group analyses, evaluates and discusses the results together.

The digital approach:

* Since we assume that you are working with digital tools “clockwise” is not so important since you can work collaborative.
* Feel free to fill up columns with ideas and work collaboratively on that document.
* Or feel free to use retrot.io for it. Create a new „retro“ by importing this example https://retrotool.io/XggWFs-d2PamIlC8oc0jz

**The problem** (Phrase the problem you are dealing with):  
Add at least 5 “how might we” questions but not more than 10:

How might we make sure that students will collaborate from the very first day?

How might we provide a safe place for exchanges?

How might we provide activities which help students to getting to know each other?

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| **The first idea**  We can work with some ice breaking activities at the very first day | **The second idea**  We provide a common platform which has video, chat and the possibility to work with documents | **….** |
| **Yes and…**  yes and these activities should be in the whole group but also in the student teams |  |  |
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