Ric Hulme: Interaction Patterns

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Pair work

Individual work: The Role of Deliberate Practice

Pyramiding: Individual work to large groups

✓ Defending opinion
✓ Compromise upon earlier decision (negotiate)
✓ Summarising skills

Pyramiding: Large groups to pair work

✓ More ideas generated before pair work.
✓ Students feel more confident during pair work.
✓ Encourages planning.