

## **Pass the Buck Teacher instructions**

### **Brief description of the activity**

A question is written at the top of a sheet of A3 paper, and given to a pair of pupils. They have 2-5 minutes to begin writing the answer, then the paper is passed to the next pair, for 2-5 minutes, and so on, until the paper is returned to the first pair. They then use the information to write up an answer. In bigger classes I have 2/3 circles going.

### **Why use it**

To encourage pupils to write longer answers.  
To encourage pupils to work at pace.  
To enable pupils to access a wider range of ideas and approaches to a question.

### **Golden Rules**

Stick to timings rigidly.  
Explain that pupils must read the previous work, and add to it, not repeat the same information.

### **Watch out for**

How much time they need – you may need to extend the time needed as they work through to allow time for the reading through.