



open circle®

getting to the heart of learning

a program of the Wellesley Centers for Women

Using
Open Circle
Vocabulary at
Home

Page 1

If your child's teacher is using the Open Circle Curriculum, chances are you've heard some of these words at home. You can help reinforce your child's usage and understanding of the words by using them yourself - even if your child's school doesn't use Open Circle!

brainstorming: thinking of many ideas without stopping to judge or criticize them

calming down: strategies to get calm when you are upset, overly excited or about to lose control

compliment: a comment to someone that is positive, true and specific

consensus: a decision that everyone will agree to, even if everyone is not completely satisfied

cooperate: work together to get something done

double d's: a cue for "dangerous and destructive" behavior that helps students decide whether to tell a responsible adult immediately or try to handle a situation themselves

leadership: characteristics of a positive leader include reaching out to others, including other people, initiating an activity, keeping the group interested and helping the group to calm down if necessary

non-negotiable rules: particular rules in the school and classroom that apply under all circumstances; they can be discussed but cannot be changed

nonverbal signals: agreed-upon signals that communicate without using words, such as raising your hand to be called on

open circle meeting: a time for students to sit in chairs in a circle with an open space or empty chair to represent a place for anyone who wishes to join; a place where students meet to talk about things that are up with them and to learn to solve problems between people in ways that are fair

positive self-talk: a way of encouraging yourself to do something or reach a goal by being positive and telling yourself exactly what you will do

school listening look: a cue to remind students of behaviors that constitute good listening such as eye contact, posture and paying attention

speaking up: a cue to remind students of the skills of a good speaker, as well as the skills a listener needs to use to help a speaker feel more comfortable

Open Circle's mission is to work with school communities to help children become ethical people, contributing citizens, and successful learners. By helping schools implement Open Circle, we foster the development of relationships that support safe, caring, and respectful learning communities of children and adults.



open circle®

getting to the heart of learning

a program of the Wellesley Centers for Women

Open Circle
Vocabulary

Page 2

Open Circle Vocabulary in Spanish

brainstorming: generar ideas, pensar en varias soluciones

calming down: calmar, calmarse

compliment: cumplidos, elogios

consensus: consenso

cooperate: cooperar

double d's: la "p" y la "d" - peligroso y destructivo

leadership: dirección

non-negotiable rules: reglas no negociables o inquebrantables

nonverbal signals: señales silenciosas, señales no verbales

open circle: círculo abierto

positive self-talk: hablar consigo mismo positivo, conversación positiva consigo mismo

school listening look: posición de escuchar, buen oyente en la escuela

speaking up: expresar, expresarse

Open Circle Vocabulary in Portuguese

brainstorming: gerar ou criar idéias

calm down: se acalmar

compliment: elogios

consensus: consenso

cooperate: cooperar

double d's: comportamento perigoso ou destrutivo

leadership: liderança

non-negotiable rules: regras não negociáveis

nonverbal signals: sinais não verbais

open circle: círculo aberto

positive self-talk: falar com si próprio positivo

school listening look: posição escolar de escutar

speaking up: se expressar individualmente