

Pictures to describe feelings or thinking

Pictures are spread out on a table. Have several pictures, as this strategy seems to work best if there are at least twice as many pictures as students. Everyone is asked to choose a picture that represents an idea or concept (as an example) CHANGE. "How do you feel about change?" The whole group goes up to the table to have a look at all the pictures and each person chooses one picture (some may ask to choose more than one, that is entirely up to the facilitator). As soon as you have your picture you return to your small group and share your picture and the reason(s) you chose the picture. They may then take a small post-it note and write their reasons on the paper. They may also include any questions they have about change (if that is the subject). These pictures can then be pasted on a "gallery wall" for everyone to share. As the class continues the pictures may be referred to and the comments / feelings / thinking / questions may change.

It is a wonderful way for people to start talking about a concept and often the picture will represent more for them than just words alone could.