

Foggy Goggles

Talk about wearing goggles and how it is hard to see out of them when they become foggy.

What do you do when they start to fog up? (Take them off and fix them.)

Have a volunteer put on a pair of goggles. Put a tiny bit of paint, Play-doh or mud on the goggles.

Can you still see out of the goggles? (Yes.)

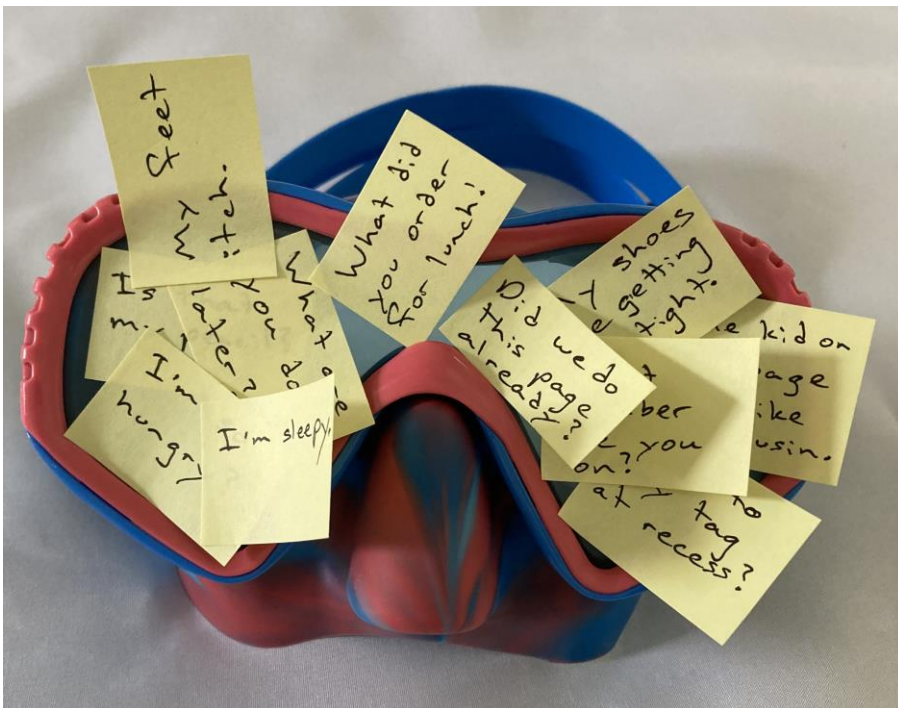
Keep adding a bit at a time, and ask the same question each time. Once the answer is no, ask:

Do you wait until the goggles are completely covered in mud before you wipe it away, or is it better to just wipe it away as soon as any little bit gets on it? (You wipe away the first bit of mud that gets on it so it doesn't build up.)

Put comments on goggles to show how just one doesn't block vision, but several do. (Ask for student suggestions and use sticky notes, or print the sample comments and cut ahead of time.)

This is what it is like when you start to have side conversations in class during learning time. One little comment to a classmate doesn't keep the class from learning, but keep adding them up and then no one can hear/concentrate.

It might seem excessive to you when I stop you after just one small comment, but it's because I need to clear the "goggles" right away before the whole room is sharing things they don't need to and that one comment becomes the first of many.



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| The kid on this page looks like my cousin. | Did we do this page already? |
| What are you doing later? | I'm so hungry! |
| What did you order for lunch? | This is super easy! |
| What to play tag at recess? | Is that my pencil? |
| My feet itch. | What number are you on? |
| My shoes are getting too tight. | I'm sleepy. |