

Strengthening Study Skills

Maître d' Examples

- ▶ **Table for 2:** Your teacher said you might get a surprise quiz this week. What do you do to stay ready for it?
- ▶ **Table for 4:** You have a paper due tomorrow. You have written an outline and the introductory paragraph. How can you complete the paper on time and get a decent grade on it?
- ▶ **Table for 3:** You and two other classmates have to give a presentation next week. You can only meet in person once before the due date. What's your plan for giving a great presentation?

Arrival Welcome

Greet each student by name as they enter.

Announcements

Hello, Advisory Team,

Yesterday you talked about how to become better organized.

Today you'll continue with your success plan. You're going to talk about how to study for tests and quizzes, and how to complete homework and other assignments.

Get your My Success Plan from yesterday. Think about the strategies you use to study and complete homework. Be ready to share.

Point out today's key school and team events.

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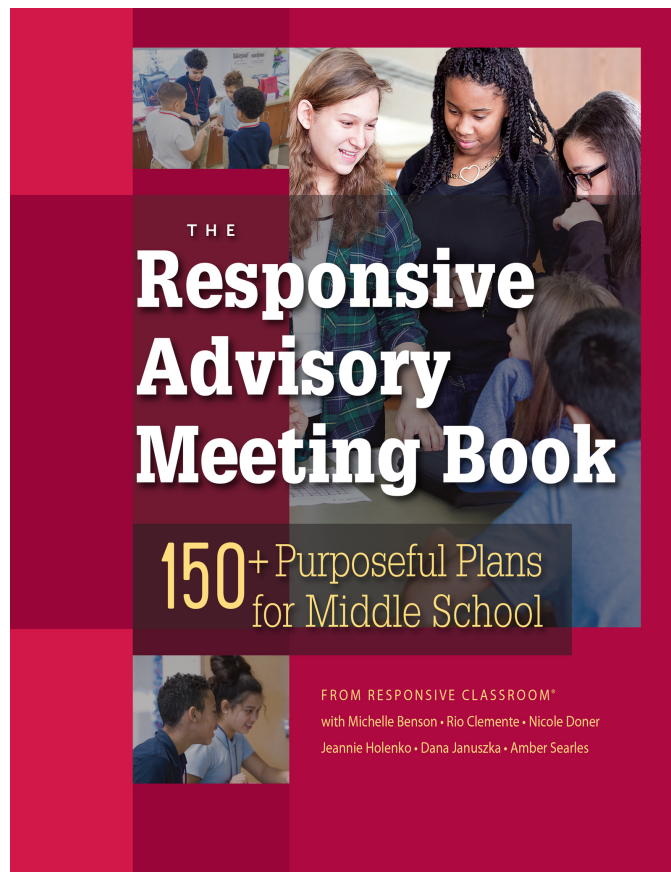
What's Your Strategy? One student in each table group begins by greeting the student to their left with "Good morning, Willow. What's your strategy?" The student greeted responds with one strategy: "Good morning, Sasha. One strategy I use to study for tests is to review my class notes and completed quizzes." Continue around the table until everyone has shared two or three strategies. Display or hand out the Study Strategies sheet.* As a whole group, compare it with students' ideas.

Activity

Maître d' Call out a table grouping (for example: "Table for 3!") Students form standing table groups to discuss their responses to situations you pose (see examples in margin). Repeat as time allows, continuing to vary the table size.

Reflection Have students complete Step 2 of their My Success Plan handout. Ask: "Does your strategy for studying ever change based on the type of quiz/test or assignment?" Collect everyone's plans. Students will use them for Day 3.

*A Study Strategies sheet is available to download, see: <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/printables/>.



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