**BUZZ GROUPS**

**Definition:** Buzz groups- a small **group** of people that is divided from a larger **group** to talk about ideas, solutions to problems, etc.: Each **buzz group** will discuss one of these topics and report back to the whole **group**.

**Advantage:** Buzz Group technique can change the pace of the lesson and allow active participation in the learning process. b. It gives students time to mentally organize and assimilate new material. c. Give students time to consolidate and clarify learning and understanding that has taken place earlier in the lesson. d. Provide an opportunity for lesson material to be applied to a situation or problem that is particularly relevant to students. e. Encourage quiet students to put their ideas into works. f. Foster a cohesive class spirit through the exchange of ideas.

**Disadvantage or Challenges:**  Misunderstanding or inexperience may lead to different conclusions than desired. Time must be monitored carefully-Takes more time. Depends on the strength of the group leaders. Getting everyone in the group to participate.

**IOT 2 Method class idea.**

**Alternate ways to do buzz groups:**

1. Before class, determine the number of students that will be in each group. Give each person a colored square and a number (1-4 if there are four people in the group). Tell students that at the end of the discussion you will choose a number and whoever had that number will be the person to give the groups findings. This causes everyone to be engaged in the group and helps to vary who reports.
2. Have students write down the answer to a question posed by the instructor. After recording the answer, the student turns to the person next to him/her and they share their answers. Then each must find at least one more person to share the two items on their paper.
3. If you know there is a person who dominates the group, assign who will be the group leader and will give the report.
4. Make a card spinner. Spin the arrow to determine which group needs to answer the question. A visual that can be printed is included on the IOT Level 2 Resource flash drive.