

# Two Stars and a Wish

#feedback #reflexion #social learning

The method can help students as well as teachers in giving Feedback with a focus on positive aspects and improvement tips.

**Arrangement:** group work, partner work,

**Phase:** can be used whenever ever it seems fitting

## Description:

Two stars and a wish is a method that provides students with a guideline to give productive feedback to peers or even for a teacher to give effective feedback to students.

The students think about two stars, representing two successful aspects of the learning and working process. These aspects will be written down on paper as the two stars. The next step is that the students need to think about something in the working and learning process that needs to be improved or wasn't successful. This unsuccessful aspect or necessary improvement will be written down as a wish. Starting with "I wish ... ." The formulation of a wish shall help students to give feedback without attacking their peers.

In interactions between teachers and students, the wish should be more direct such as advising what to focus on or what the student should learn/practise.

Students and teachers must focus on an objective level. The focus of this method is that students can improve their skills without being demotivated by the given feedback. It helps them to assess their skill and builds up their ability to judge situations and processes.

## Opportunities for differentiation

- A worksheet can support this method.
  - The worksheet shows the visuals of two stars as symbols and a question mark or a shooting star. The symbols and visualisation support the students in writing down their ideas for each part.
  - It is possible to modify the space for notes or the size of the symbols and lines to make it accessible for students with visual or motoric difficulties.
- Another help can be to write down an explanation of what is aspected or to give Questions which help to answer for the stars and the shooting star.
  - The questions could be:
    - What did your partner do very well while working together?
    - What did you like while working together?
    - Is there something that you partner did great?
    - What could you partner do differently the next time?
    - What would your partner practise?

- These questions are helpful for young students or students that are unfamiliar with the process of giving feedback.
- Advanced students can use the method without any help from paper sheets or worksheets as a free speaking practise.

**Tip:**

You can download an empty concept cartoon from our material collection "[Material-Ecke](#)"

**Material:**

Pen, Paper and potentially Worksheet

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