

FALL 2025



Communication, Collaboration, and Conflict

Think Lab: Week 6

Think Team

Agenda

- Announcements
- CS Spotlight: Kristen Grauman
- Neuro Spotlight: Thibaud Tallefumeir
- Effectively working in teams
- Speed Conversing

Announcements

- Big Lecture next week! No discussion sections.
- If you need to revise and resubmit do that within the next week.
- Alison and Devangi have office hours. Please check the syllabus!

CS Spotlight:

Kristen Grauman
Computer Vision



Neuroscience Spotlight:

Thibaud Taillefumier
Mathematical Neuroscience



Communication, Collaboration, and Conflict

Communication

Matters sooo much

If you can't communicate what you know/have built/etc, it becomes useless

Working in Tech...

means working in teams!

Every project is a group project.

Effectively Working in Groups

- Communication
- Cooperation
- Conflict Resolution

Communication

More communication is almost always better

- More documentation of technical details
- More explanation of design
- More notifications that you are running late
- More comments in the code
- ...

Collaboration

Work is often done in teams

- design and implementation
- pair programming is commonly used in industry
 - *and many of your classes*

Conflict

- People disagree
 - *We know you are shocked*
- Disagreements need to be addressed early and before they cause lasting harm
- Not everything needs a long-term resolution
 - *Arguing over something silly? Take a break instead!*

Speed Conversing

Introduce yourself to someone you have not met.

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Ask:

What did you last binge watch?

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Alice keeps showing up late to group work, and
Bob needs to ask them to be on time. Nicely.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

Introduce yourself to someone you have not met. (Yes, again!)

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Complete:
If I had a pet dinosaur, I would...

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Bob is disregarding Charlie's ideas in the project,
and Alice is asking him to be more respectful.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

Introduce yourself to someone you have not met. (Yes, again!)

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Complete:
My secret talent is...

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Bob is disregarding Charlie's ideas in the project,
and Alice is asking him to be more respectful.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

Introduce yourself to someone you have not met. (Yes, again!)

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Complete:
The ugliest piece of clothing
someone made me wear was...

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Alice is tired of working on a class project, since the most recent meeting has been going for four hours, and she wants to take a break. Bob says no. Alice has to explain why breaks are important.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

Introduce yourself to someone you have not met. (Yes, again!)

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Complete:

If my pet ate a jar of pickles....

^^^if you don't have a pet, who ate the pickles?

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Alice at the last minute says she can't make it to the group meeting to work on the project. This has happened a few times. Bob asks Alice to prioritize the project.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

Introduce yourself to someone
you have not met. (*Yes, again!*)

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Complete:
The last thing I ate was...

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Alice and Bob are project partners, and Alice keeps asking Bob out, even though Bob has said no. Bob tells Alice to knock it off.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

Introduce yourself to someone
you have not met.

Yes, again! We're not kidding.

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Complete:

If I could travel back in time, I would go to..

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Bob, who is Alice's roommate, has friends over who are shouting while Alice is trying to study. Alice asks Bob to please respect her need for less noise.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

Introduce yourself to someone you have not met.

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Complete:
My favorite field trip was when...

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Alice has very concrete ideas about the group project, but Charlie disagrees. Bob asks Alice to be more accepting of other people's ideas.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

You know the drill:
Introduce yourself to someone
you have not met.

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Ask:

If you were a potato, how would you prefer to be served?

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Alice just deleted Charlie's code out of the group project and then rewrote it without discussion with the rest of the group. Bob asks Alice to remember it is a group project.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

You know the drill:
Introduce yourself to someone
you have not met.

You have 15 seconds to find someone
and exchange names.

Ask:

If you could give any species the ability to breakdance, which one would you choose?

30 seconds for you both to answer

Choose:
Which one of you is Alice and which is Bob?

5 seconds

Consider:

Alice and Bob are in a group project, and they have agreed to not use ChatGPT, etc. However, every time they run into a bug, Bob insists on asking Chat. Alice is growing frustrated, since Chat seems to always lead to wasted time. She decides to address this with Bob.

90 seconds for this conversation

Any good ideas?

20 seconds

Introduce yourself to someone
you have not met.....

Okay. We are kidding this time.
We'll call it.

You have an assignment this week!

It's about working in groups. Check Canvas for details :)

Due Sunday night.

Thank you!

See you at the Big Lecture!