Thinking Out Loud: Sports/Social Casting

What is Social Casting?

Social Casting is the practice of thinking out loud to describe and interpret social situations, much like how a sportscaster narrates a game.

Guiding Questions to Begin Social Casting

Where are you?

Who is there?

What is happening?

What are people doing/saying?

How do they look? (expressions/body language)

What might they be thinking?

How might they feel?

What is their intention/plan?

Have you been in a situation like this before?

What happened last time?

What is your job/role in this situation?

Social Casting In Action: Classroom Example

During free time, help students figure out different group plans and options for what they might want to do by asking guiding questions: "What do you see your table group doing? What might they be talking about?"

Share observations to provide context: "Your friends are at the table. They played Connect 4 with you before; now it looks like they're playing cards—maybe War."

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