

## **centers** <sup>[1]</sup>

### **Type of Speech:**

noun <sup>[2]</sup>

### **Definition:**

Instructional and organizational strategy in which groups of students rotate through various work stations in the classroom, each with a different learning task or goal. Centers present students with a variety of activities and supply necessary resources and materials to meet the learning task. Centers may have a developmental or educational focus.

### **Additional Information:**

Classroom centers may be arranged around a particular topic (for example, five science centers related to plant growth) or to present a variety of lessons concurrently (such as a language arts center, a math center, and a science center). Organizational considerations include the size limitations of the classroom space and the preferred number of students in a group.

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