Task Type	Pedagogical Purpose	Externalizes the inner processes ofing	Typical format	easily enhanced by	variations to try	SMPs supported
card sort	get students to (a) notice properties of mathematical objects and (b) use mathematical language to analyze them	• naming, describing, identifying similarities/ differences, categorizing	Given the row & column headings, classify these objects according to their mathematical properties	• requiring justification for each classification	2-step sort; odd one out (WODB); adding in additional conditions	
card matching	get students to interpret & find the connections between different mathematical representations	• interpreting, decoding, noticing key features, recognizing quirks & special cases, linking different versions of the same thing	Match each equation with its graph	• requiring justification for the connections/ interpretations you've made; what did you notice that required these to go together?	3-way matches (i.e., Q+A+justification)	
A/S/N	get students to generalize mathematical principles or properties	• thinking in cases; recognizing anomalies; assessing validity of a claim	Evaluate the following statements that are True/False or Always/ Sometimes/ Never	requiring a justification or counterexample	Turn it into an 'A' statement / a 'S' statement/ a 'N' statement	
Create a new problem to trade & solve	cultivates students' abilities to think in terms of doing & undoing (functional thinking)	• thinking about processes going both forwards & backwards; metacognitive thinking about the processes of problem-solving; generalizing properties & pitfalls; creating your own examples	Make up a new problem like one you've done	• requiring a written solution guide and/or a commentary on why this is a valuable problem	Create one new problem which is really hard and another which is really easy; write a solution guide & commentary on what makes the hard problem hard and the easy problem easy? Or alternatively, create a new problem which is really peculiar & write a solution guide and commentary.	
Analyzing reasoning and/or solution pathways	gets students to think about pathways/ sequencing/ dependencies in reasoning	• thinking about multiple methods of reasoning; thinking about dependencies between and among steps; developing multioptional thinking (beyond just right/wrong); considering multiple solution pathways; thiking about sequencing	Order and/or analyze the steps and reasoning in a proof	Leave a blank for key steps or reasoning; require two distinct solution pathways	The Mistake Game	