

# Information Search

Type: Sharing Ideas, Checking for Understanding



## What Is It?

Individually or in small groups, participants find information by themselves from a set of resources you provide.

## Why Use It?

Helps participants direct their own learning

Provides an alternative to lecture / presentation to help participants learn detailed information

## How to Use It

1. Decide what information the participants need to learn about a particular topic. This should be based on your learning outcomes.
2. Prepare a set of resources that contain the information you want to communicate to the participants.
3. Prepare a set of questions related to the important information about the topic. For example, you could provide a worksheet with a list of questions they should find answers to from the various materials you provide.
4. Individually or in groups, ask the participants to use the resources you provide to answer the questions.
5. When they have finished their information search, discuss the topic as a large group and summarize the main points. Ask them to share what they found difficult or confusing, and clarify these points.

## Trainer Notes

If necessary, explain that some content may be new for some participants and review for others. It is expected that those with more knowledge or experience will help teach others.

Information Search should be used when all participants are literate.