

Know Want Learned

Type: Generating Ideas, Checking for Understanding



What Is It?

A tool that can be used at the beginning or end of a lesson to help participants reflect on what they already know about a topic, and what they want to learn more about.

Why Use It?

Helps participants reflect on their existing knowledge about a topic and feel motivated to learn new things

Helps participants reflect on what they learned and what they would like to know more about at the end of a session

Helps trainers assess participants' understanding

How to Use It

1. Explain the objective of this activity and the topic you would like the participants to focus on.
2. Ask the participants to create a table in their notebooks with three headings. Ask them to label the headings "Know," "Want," and "Learned."
3. If you are using this activity at the beginning of the lesson, it can help the participants define what they want to learn and then keep track of new information as they learn it. Ask the participants to fill in the columns to answer these questions:
 - Know: what do you already know about the topic?
 - Want: what do you want to know about the topic? (Write down any questions you have)
 - Learned: fill in this column throughout the lesson / workshop to keep track of new information you learn.
4. If you are using this activity at the end of a lesson, it can be used to check understanding. Ask the participants to fill in the columns to answer these questions:
 - Know: what did you already know about the topic before this lesson?
 - Want: what do you want to learn more about or practice more after this lesson?
 - Learned: what did you learn during this lesson?
5. Ask participants to share their responses with you. This can be done by sharing in a large group, or you can collect their notes and read them after the lesson. If there are topics that are confusing or that many participants want to learn more about, discuss strategies for learning this information.