

Filling Your Extension Toolkit: Warm Up Activities



Glossary

This activity warms up participants to new vocabulary that they will learn during a training session. Or, it can be used to review vocabulary previous days. It helps the facilitator gauge how participants currently define a term and their current level of understanding.

The facilitator puts 2- 3 key terms on separate cards or flipcharts. Participants work as individuals or small teams to write their own definitions, using 6 words or less (a twist to this requires them to add a visual element – such as a symbol, icon or picture). They write these either on separate large index cards or add them to a flipchart. The facilitator leads a quick review of the definitions, or asks the participants to get up and review all the definitions. The facilitator then leads a quick review/processing of the vocabulary words.

If you are using this concept to review key terms from previous days, you can solicit the terms from the group. The number of terms you use depends on how much time you have.

Required Materials

- Flipcharts and markers.

Facilitation Tips

- Large Index cards
- You will need to review the topics and course materials and interview the facilitator for ideas on glossary terms.
- Remember, you only have 15 minutes. So, quickly introduce the exercise and give instructions.
- Give them 5-7 minutes to write and post their definitions.
- Ask them to review what others have written.
- Process the results and transition to the first facilitator and topic.