

STICKY NOTES TO THE RESCUE

Kinesthetic Learning and Keyword Development

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LEARNING STYLES

What is kinesthetic learning?

- Learning through or accompanied by movement

How can adding a kinesthetic learning style help?

- Presenting material to students in multiple sensory modalities is beneficial to learning and interest



KEYWORD DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Group Work

- Students were split into groups of 3-4 to encourage better participation

Example Article

- Each group received the first page of an article with at least a full abstract

Initial Keywords

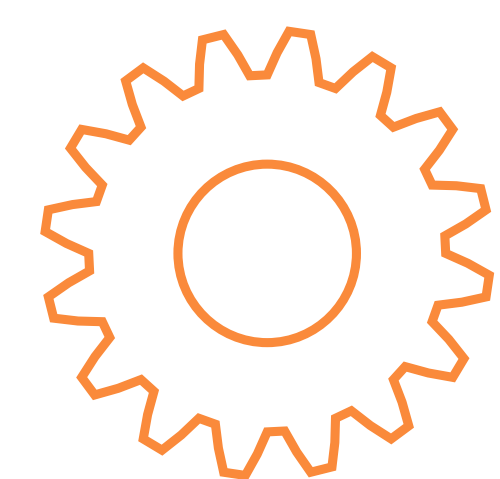
- The entire class came up with 2-3 keywords to search for more resources
- Those keywords were written on a whiteboard

Brainstorm

- Each group received a stack of sticky notes and a marker
- They were tasked with brainstorming as many additional terms for each keyword as possible in 5 minutes
- Each new keyword or phrase was written on a separate sticky note and stuck to the whiteboard under its related term

Develop New Search Strings

- Entire class received quick lesson on Boolean terms and other search operators
- Volunteers used sticky notes and whiteboard markers to create search strings



MODIFICATIONS

Theatre Example

- This activity was initially developed for Social Sciences classes that needed to find scholarly journal articles
- Adapted it for a theatre class by showing a 6 minute video instead of using an example article
- In addition to coming up with keywords to search, groups brainstormed different types of resources needed

Different Article for Each Group

- Another idea that I've tried is to give each group a different article to use
- This shows students how searching is iterative and that finding different articles can help you adapt searches

