

Warm-ups using a word cloud

Purpose: A visual representation of all the voices in the room. How: The moderator asks a question to learners and gives them 30 seconds to reply by using a word cloud. The moderator explains and demonstrates how learners can submit their answers using the tool. The moderator should comment on the results when it is displayed on the screen.

Some ideas (start of a session):

- Using one word, what themes do you want to hear about?
- What is the weather like in your location?

Some ideas (ending a session):

- What is a personal takeaway from this online session?
- How are you feeling after day 1? (if this is an online learning series)

Warm-ups using a poll

Purpose: Detecting patterns from your learners/helping moderators to understand the collective energy of the group. How: The moderator explains the poll tool and goes through several questions. The moderator should give learners at least 30 seconds to answer. The moderator then displays the results and comments on what patterns they see.

Some ideas:

- What's your level of understanding of the topic? (low - high)
- How energized are you about today's session? (low - high)
- What do you want to get out of this session? (list down different options)