

KWL Instructions for Learners

How to Use

1. Know

Give each student a KWL Chart or have them draw one on a piece of paper. Initiate discussion with the students about what they already know about a new topic of study. Have them write what they know in the **K** column.

2. Want to Know

Discuss with the students what they want to learn, or have students talk in pairs. Then, ask students to write down the specific questions they have about the topic in the **W** column.

3. Learned

At the end of the lesson, ask students if they found out the answer to any of their questions in the W column. Share out any “a-ha’s” with the whole group and have students record a summary of what they learned in the **L** column.

When to Use

Use KWL to open and close any lesson and help student’s access background knowledge, formulate questions, and document information learned. It can also be used as a monitoring/tracking tool during reading, with students updating the answers to their questions in the **Learned** section, then formulating new questions in the **Want to Know** section as they read.