

Lasso

Information Processing: Exploring and Discovering

PROCESS

- Circle or lasso words on a flip chart that lack specificity.
- Invite members to define the words within the context of the group's work.
- Example: "How to solve drug use at schools." Ask what you mean by drugs, which ones, which schools, what age levels and even what do you mean by "solve" — reduce, eliminate entirely, prevent?

ALTERNATIVES

- Ask pairs or small groups to define the words and report for group reinforcement or adoption.
- Record the definitions on chart paper.

TIPS

- Classes of language most useful to prove: vague nouns or pronouns, vague verbs or action words, universal quantifiers, modal operators, and comparators.

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