

CrowdWords© Scramble

Purpose/ Focus: Cooperate, Reflect

Deck: Full CrowdWords© Deck

Grouping: Group of 10-12

Overview: Teams work together to create letter scrambles.

Facilitation Process:

- Place the CrowdWords© cards letter-side up in the middle of the room.
- Have the group form teams of 10-12 and give each team a designated space in an area of the room.
- Ask teams to take a few moments to reflect on the day's goals (when used as a frontloading activity) or outcomes/understandings (when used as a debriefing/reflection activity).
- Have each team identify 2-3 words that they feel represent and capture the day's goals, outcomes or understandings.
- Once each team has identified their words, have the teams send a representative or two to the middle of the room to gather the CrowdWords© cards needed to spell their words.
 - For example the team may have selected the following words as outcomes of the day's experience: **trust - challenge - support**.
 - With these as the selected words, the team sends a representative or two to the middle of the room to gather the CrowdWords© cards needed to spell **trust - challenge - support**.
 - Teams then shuffle their CrowdWords© cards into a scramble of letters that mask the original words.

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- With the example above the letter scramble pile may look like this:
 - Explain to the teams that they are to leave their CrowdWords© Scramble on the floor/table and to switch places with another team.
 - Prior to leaving, each team should inform the incoming team as to how many words should be created out of their CrowdWords© Scramble.
 - Once at their new location, the team is asked to do their best to tangle the CrowdWords© Scramble into the set number of words.
 - Once complete, teams are asked to discuss the words selected by the original team and reflect on their connection to their own selected words.
 - If you wish, teams can re-scramble the words and move to a new CrowdWords© Scramble to attempt a second grouping of words.
 - Continue in the same manner for the number of rounds you feel necessary/beneficial.

Tips for Success and Troubleshooting

- It is possible that the new teams to come up with other words from the CrowdWords© Scramble letters that were left for them when they switched. This is perfectly fine and can lead to interesting discussions.
- Keep a running tally of the words selected by the teams. You can use this list to facilitate a whole group conversation about the day's goals (when used as a frontloading activity) or outcomes/understandings (when used as a debriefing/reflection activity).