

Luma Connections #7: Low Stakes

Teaching Tool: Discussion Board

This is an online tool that allows learners to interact with each other to explore a topic and to discuss key concepts and concepts, share experiences, interact with each other, and to ask questions. Interactions are not in real-time and can be mentor-learner and learner-to-learner.



Tip: Make the first discussion low stakes

If this is the first time your learners have done learner-to-learner interaction, be sure you do not make the discussion something that is high stakes.

You can make the discussion low stakes by:

Consider the number of posts.



Example: To complete the assignment and get credit you must post 2 times (1 original post and 1 post to a peer) vs to complete the assignment and get credit you must post 5 times (all original posts).

Consider the technology.



Example: If your learners do not know how to use the technology they might get frustrated. Post step-by-step directions on how to do a post. Consider the first post just them saying they were successful.

Consider the question.



Make the question an introductory type of question.

Example: Introduce yourself to the team by providing your top 5 favorite songs.

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