

Content Segments

- A. Effectively Promoting Participation and Interaction
- B. Four Communication Skills of a Good Instructor
- C. Questioning Methods
- D. Handling Participants' Answers
- E. Handling Participants' Questions
- F. Conclusion
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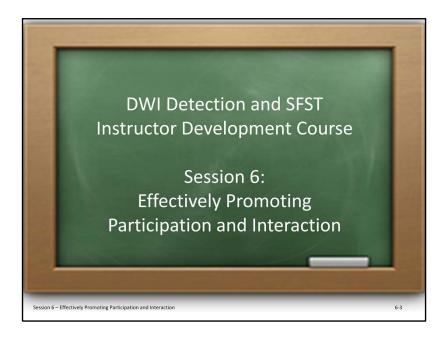
Estimated time for Session 6: 1 Hour (depending on class size)

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- Analyze the four skills of a good instructor
- Demonstrate the three methods of questioning used in training
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Session Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants should be able to:

- Illustrate the differences between a lecturer and an instructor (Activation)
- Analyze the four skills of a good instructor (Activation)
- Demonstrate the three methods of questioning used in training (Demonstration)

•	Assess how the techniques may be applied to problem situations in training (Integration



A. EFFECTIVELY PROMOTING PARTICIPATION AND INTERACTION

Lecturer:

What are some of the characteristics of a lecturer?					
1.					
2.					
3.					

Communication Skills of a Good Instructor

- Attentive
- Observant
- Listener
- Questioning



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B. FOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS OF A GOOD INSTRUCTOR				
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Attentive

- Physical presentation
- Encourages participation
- · Facing participants
- Maintaining appropriate eye contact
- Moving toward participants when appropriate
- Avoiding distracting behavior



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Attentive

- Physical presentation that shows the instructor is paying attention
- Encourages participation
- Facing participants
- Maintaining appropriate eye contact
- Moving toward participants when appropriate
- · Avoiding distracting behavior

Observant

- Participants' face, body position, and movements
- Infers attitudes of participants
- Takes appropriate action

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Observant

- Face, body position, and body movements of the participants
- Infers attitudes of the participants based on observations of the above
- Takes appropriate action based upon inferences

Listener

- Listen
- Paraphrase
- Be cognizant and sensitive



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Listener

- Listen to what is said
- Paraphrase what was said to demonstrate understanding
- Be cognizant and sensitive to possible internal and external distractions affecting the participants

Questioning

- · Helps determine what is already known
- · Invites participants
- Provides feedback
- Enables audience to assess learning
- · Gauge audience's skill or knowledge level

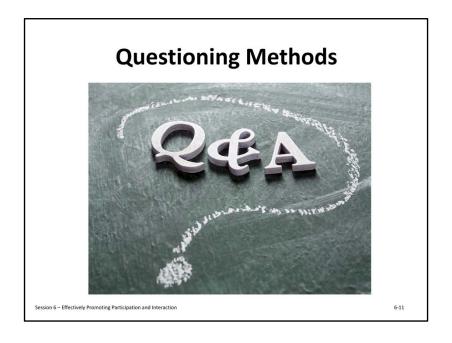
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Questioning

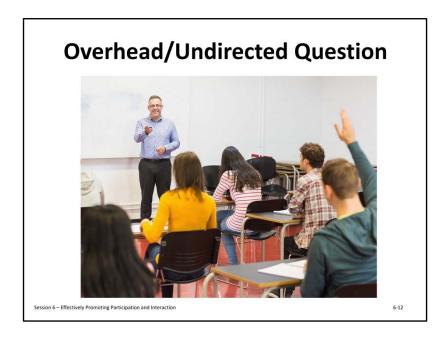
- Helps determine what the participants already know
- Invites participation
- Provides you, the instructor, with feedback
- Enables audience to assess their own learning and fill in the gaps
- knowledge level, asking questions up front can gauge this very easily

• When walking into a presentation without a good grasp of the audience's skill or



C. QUESTIONING METHODS

- Overhead/undirected
- Pre-directed
- Overhead/directed



Overhead/Undirected Questions

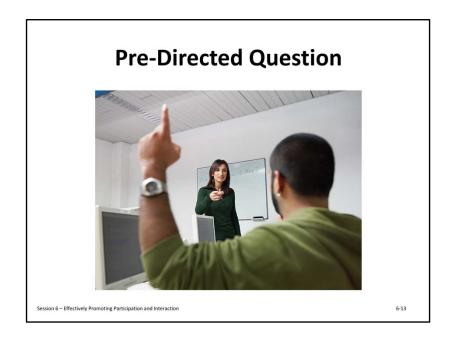
Overhead/undirected question is one where the question is thrown out to the

Advantages:

- Engages the entire class
- Allows the instructor to identify the "apple polisher" in the class

Disadvantages

- Allows people to refrain from participating
- Continued use allows the over-eager participants to dominate the class



Pre-Directed Questions

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Overhead	/Directed O	uestions
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An overhead/directed question, the presenter	asks an	
question, then		it
to a particular participant.		
Advantage:		
 Combines the advantages of the other type 	es of questions	
Disadvantages		
 During the pause between posing the quest common for the over-eager participants to 	- •	



D. <u>HANDLING PARTICIPANTS' ANSWERS</u>

When a participant gives a correct answer:

- Commend participant
- React with positive reinforcement
- Don't give bland acknowledgement
- · Don't fail to give any reaction at all

When a participant gives an incorrect answer:

- Convey answer is incorrect
- Do not react with frustration or anger
- Do not embarrass the participant
- Acknowledge partially correct answers

When participants do not respond, stress increases, participation drops, and learning is minimized. You can use the following methods to deal with the situation:

- **Provide** the answer yourself
- Redirect the question to another participant
- **Defer** the question

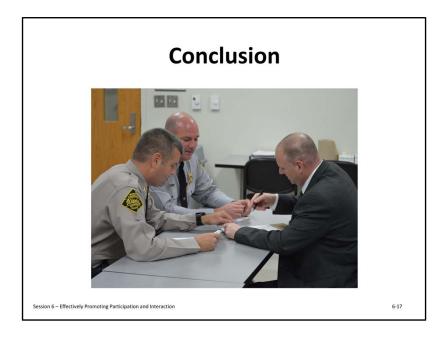


E. <u>HANDLING PARTICIPANTS' QUESTIONS</u>

Participants sometimes ask questions instructors cannot answer. You can use the following techniques to deal with the situation:

- Admit you do not know the answer, but offer to research it
- Redirect the question to another participant

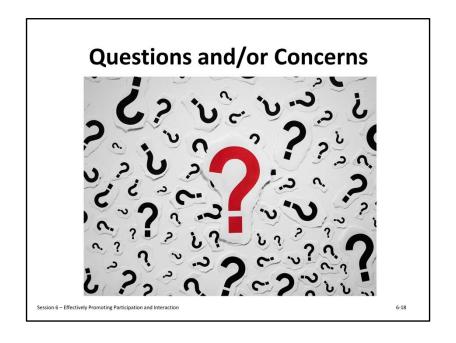
• **Defer** the question



F. CONCLUSION

Effective instructors:

- Are attentive to their participants
- Are observant of their participants
- Listen to their participants
- Help participants learn from one another



G. QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS					