

STUDY LIFELINES

Component: Learning to Learn

ILO: To identify support and resources during independent study

TOOL

It can be easy for students to switch off or give up during independent study time. Doing work without a teacher or peer present for support may be a struggle. Learning where the lifelines to help students be successful in their study is a useful metacognitive skill. This is especially useful for asynchronous online study.

This is based on an idea by Ria Smith.

ACTIVITY

When you set an independent study task, ask the students where they think they can find support/resources to complete it. Talk about useful and suitable resources and how to access them.

1. Check out the resources on the Module VLE - the answers may already be there waiting for you
2. Youtube/Google – an endless encyclopedia of online knowledge at the tip of your digital finger!
3. Ask another student - you can ask them for help or maybe work it out together
4. Once you have tried all these, ask your module teacher for help

Check-in after the task has been completed and ask if they used any lifelines and what proved useful and why. This will help the students to become aware of how they solved the problem for themselves. If they weren't able to solve it, explore what else they need to be successful in their studying.

LARGE GROUP TEACHING

This will work well with any size group. You may want to put students into groups to discuss the lifelines.

ONLINE TEACHING

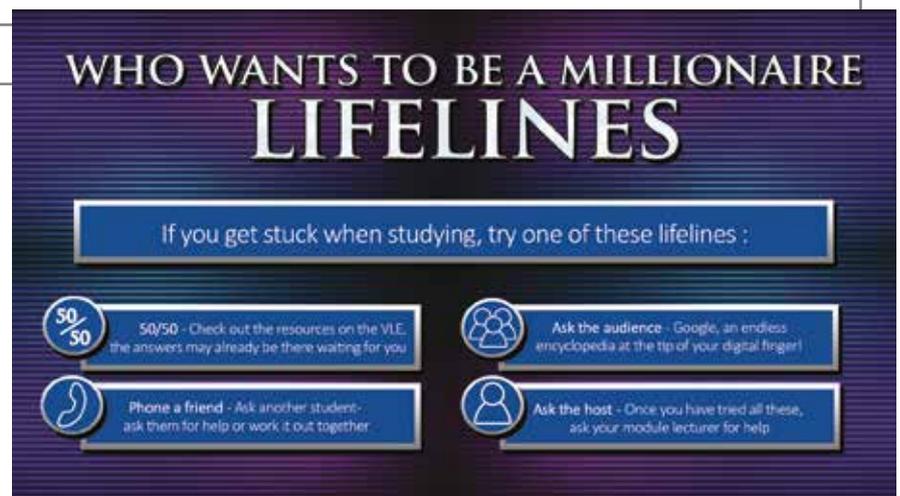
This is an important skill for online students especially.

SUCCESS

Students will be aware of their study resources and how to access them.

NEXT STEPS

You may want to combine this with the Unsticking Questions TLA.



WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE LIFELINES

If you get stuck when studying, try one of these lifelines :

- 50/50** - Check out the resources on the VLE, the answers may already be there waiting for you
- Ask the audience - Google, an endless encyclopedia at the tip of your digital finger!
- Phone a friend - Ask another student - ask them for help or work it out together
- Ask the host - Once you have tried all these, ask your module lecturer for help

RESOURCES

www.musostudy.com/resources/2E/lifelines.png

Image for use on slides etc.