



Purpose First

Purpose First helps you think about why you are learning something before you start.

When to Use Purpose First

Use Purpose First before beginning a new subject, lesson, unit, or project.

Optional Learner Information

Contact information is optional. Provide it only if you would like the teacher, manager, or form organizer to identify or follow up on your response.

Learner's name: _____

Parent or guardian email: _____

Class or subject: _____



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1. What subject or topic are you about to learn?

2. Why do you think learning this might be important?

3. Where might you see or use this outside of school?

Empty it out.
Make sense of it.
Grow from it. ♥



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4. Who could be helped by understanding this subject?

5. What do you hope to understand or be able to do?

6. Finish this sentence: "I want to learn this because..."

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Simple Purpose First Class Period

Purpose First can be more than a form. Consider creating a Purpose First lesson or class period before beginning a new subject or unit. Show learners how the subject is used in real life, who benefits from it, what problems it helps solve, and how it may connect to their goals. Allow learners to discuss these ideas before completing the form.

1. Introduce the new subject or unit.
2. Show a real-life example of how it is used.
3. Discuss why the subject matters.
4. Ask learners who could benefit from understanding it.
5. Let learners complete the Purpose First form.
6. Invite learners to share their purpose statements.
7. Use their responses to make the upcoming lessons more relevant.

Teachers could also create a full "Purpose First Day" for a major subject or unit

