Glossary

What is it?

Glossaries are an alphabetical list of terms or words found in or relating to a specific subject, text, or dialect, with explanations. In Blackboard each course site has its own glossary of terms. Each entry in the glossary consists of the term and a relevant definition.

Many disciplines have a specific language, terms that are not used elsewhere or mean different things outside the discipline. Making these terms explicit for students entering a discipline can be a huge support for their learning.

What could you do?

Create a glossary for your course or program.

Tips

You can create glossaries in Microsoft Excel and save them as comma-separated values (.csv) files to upload to your course site (see the Blackboard manual for how).

Google is good at providing definitions however, students may not know which definition is the correct one for your course; this is where the glossary tool can help.

Glossaries can provide pronunciation support – linking to video or audio showing how to pronounce terms can help students develop the skills to participate in discussions within the discipline.