

A Complete the paragraphs with the words given in the box.

alternative

reliable

flexibility

interconnected

guidance

content

memorising

source

continuous

devices

The World Is Your Classroom



With blended learning, the (1) _____ of education changes as much as the mode of communication through which it is conveyed. With mobile (2) _____ that literally let you carry your classroom in your pocket and the internet as an (3) _____ to textbooks, blended learning teaches students three key lessons:

First, it is impossible to memorise all available human knowledge, so education is no more about (4) _____ facts and answering test questions, but about applying knowledge to real-life situations and knowing where to find (5) _____ information.

Secondly, teachers may not have all the answers. They only provide (6) _____ and support, act as discussion moderators, and give direction and feedback to student projects, but are no longer the only (7) _____ of knowledge in a typical top-down structure.

Lastly, school is not the only place where you can learn, nor will you stop learning once you have graduated. Educating yourself is a (8) _____ process that follows you everywhere.

That is why blended learning is the ideal way to prepare students for a world where knowledge is not a fixed set of facts that is divided into self-contained subjects, but a constantly increasing, self-updating, (9) _____ whole that requires a great amount of independence, (10) _____ and willingness to learn and improve well beyond one's school years, with IT skills as basic literacy in order to be a productive member of society.



B Match the phrases in **bold** with the definitions given below.

- 1 He said he will **keep us in the loop** regarding the progress of the project.
- 2 I wish you would stop **talking in riddles** and tell me what this is about.
- 3 **Off the top of my head**, I would say the house costs close to a million ringgit.
- 4 Rumours about the presidency **spread like wildfire** in the company.
- 5 I have tried to discuss it with her, but **it's like talking to a brick wall**.
- 6 Everything she says should be **taken with a pinch of salt** because she tends to exaggerate things.
- 7 Our company gets most of our work through **word-of-mouth** recommendations.
- 8 What do you do if a colleague or customer is talking **a mile a minute** and you can't understand?
- 9 I will **drop you a line** once I get settled in at school.
- 10 I just had a **word with** Dexter and he said he will join us tonight.

- (a) without much thought
- (b) with some doubt
- (c) very quickly
- (d) refuses to listen
- (e) people talking about it
- (f) aware of information known
- (g) speaking in a complicated way
- (h) circulated very quickly
- (i) contact someone
- (j) discussed or spoke with

PBD Module Grammar Attack

I Present Simple and Present Continuous

Present Simple	Present Continuous
Things which are always true * Water freezes at 0 degrees.	Things happening at the moment of speaking * I am making tea now.
	Temporary situations