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

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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. ☐

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(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<br>* Water **freezes** at 0 degrees. | Things happening at the moment of speakin<br>* I **am making** tea now. |
| | Temporary situations |

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