

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.  <small>Temporary situations</small>