

e-Learning Lingo Podcast Defines “Fishbowl Discussions”

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Announcer: The e-Learning Lingo Podcast.

Mary Kay Lofurno: Hello, this is Mary Kay Lofurno, Marketing Director here at SyberWorks. Welcome to the 117th episode of the e-Learning Lingo Podcast Series.

Last week, Dave Powell talked about Cognitive Apprenticeships. This week, Dave Powell defines fishbowl discussions.

So I ask you, do you know your e-Learning Lingo?

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Mary Kay: Hi, Dave. Tell us about the fishbowl discussions.

David Powell: A fishbowl discussion asks students to sit in front of a class and serve as a panel. The panel discusses pertinent topics while the class observes, and the discussion is subsequently open to the entire class.

Mary Kay: All right, Dave. What are some of the advantages of using the fishbowl discussions?

Dave: This type of discussion is very effective when teaching large groups. For this reason, fishbowl discussions are often used in group meetings and conferences, where participants are encouraged to join in.

Mary Kay: All right, Dave. Good information. Have a good afternoon.

Dave: You, too. Talk to you soon.

Mary Kay: This is Mary Kay Lofurno, Marketing Director at SyberWorks. Thanks for listening to Episode 117 of the e-Learning Lingo Podcast. This week, Dave Powell talked about fishbowl discussions. The Episode 117 podcast audio and transcript will be posted on the e-Learning Lingo Podcast blog.

Next time on the e-Learning Lingo Podcast, we’ll talk about a term used in problem solving. Until that time, have a great week.

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