

## e-Learning Lingo Podcast Defines “Didactic Instruction”

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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 119<sup>th</sup> episode of the e-Learning Lingo Podcast Series. Last week, Dave Powell talked about the Basadur Simplex.

This week, Dave defines Didactic Instruction. So I ask you, do you know your e-Learning Lingo?

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**Mary Kay:** All right, Dave. What is didactic instruction?

**David Powell:** Didactic instruction is teacher centered instruction in which the instructor tells students what to think about a given topic. This method is typically used for the delivery of factual, not debated, information.

Didactic instruction is most effective when it is carefully planned out, highly focused and delivered concisely.

**Mary Kay:** All right. Are there any drawbacks to using this type of method, Dave?

**Dave:** Opponents of didactic instruction believe that it encourages passive learning because students are not engaged in the discussion or forced to think independently to solve problems or understand complex material.

**Mary Kay:** OK, Dave, thanks. 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 119 of the e-Learning Lingo podcast. This week, Dave Powell talked about didactic instruction. The episode 119 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 e-Learning theory. Until that time, have a great week.

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