

## e-Learning Lingo Podcast Defines “Problem Based Learning”

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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 91<sup>st</sup> episode of the e-Learning Lingo Podcast series.

Last week, Dave Powell talked about “multiple intelligences theory.” This week Dave defines “problem based learning.” So I ask you, do you know your e-Learning Lingo?

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**Mary Kay:** Hi Dave, tell us about problem based learning?

**David Powell:** Problem based learning or PBL is an inductive teaching method in which no direct instruction occurs. The teacher poses real world problems and students learn content and skills by working together to solve them.

**Mary Kay:** Dave, what are the benefits of this teaching method, how is it used?

**Dave:** PBL encourages students to learn how to learn, problems are raised to stimulate students' curiosity, so that they will be motivated to think analytically and to find the resources necessary to solve them.

**Mary Kay:** Thanks, Dave. Have a great afternoon!

**Dave:** You too Mary Kay, talk to you soon!

**Mary Kay:** This is Mary Kay Lofurno, Marketing Director at SyberWorks. Thanks for listening to episode 91 of the e-Learning Lingo Podcast.

This week, Dave Powell talked about problem based learning. The episode 91 podcast audio and transcript will be posted on the e-Learning Lingo Podcast blog.

Next time on the e-Learning Lingo Podcast, we will talk about a term used in learning and education. Until that time, have a great week!

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