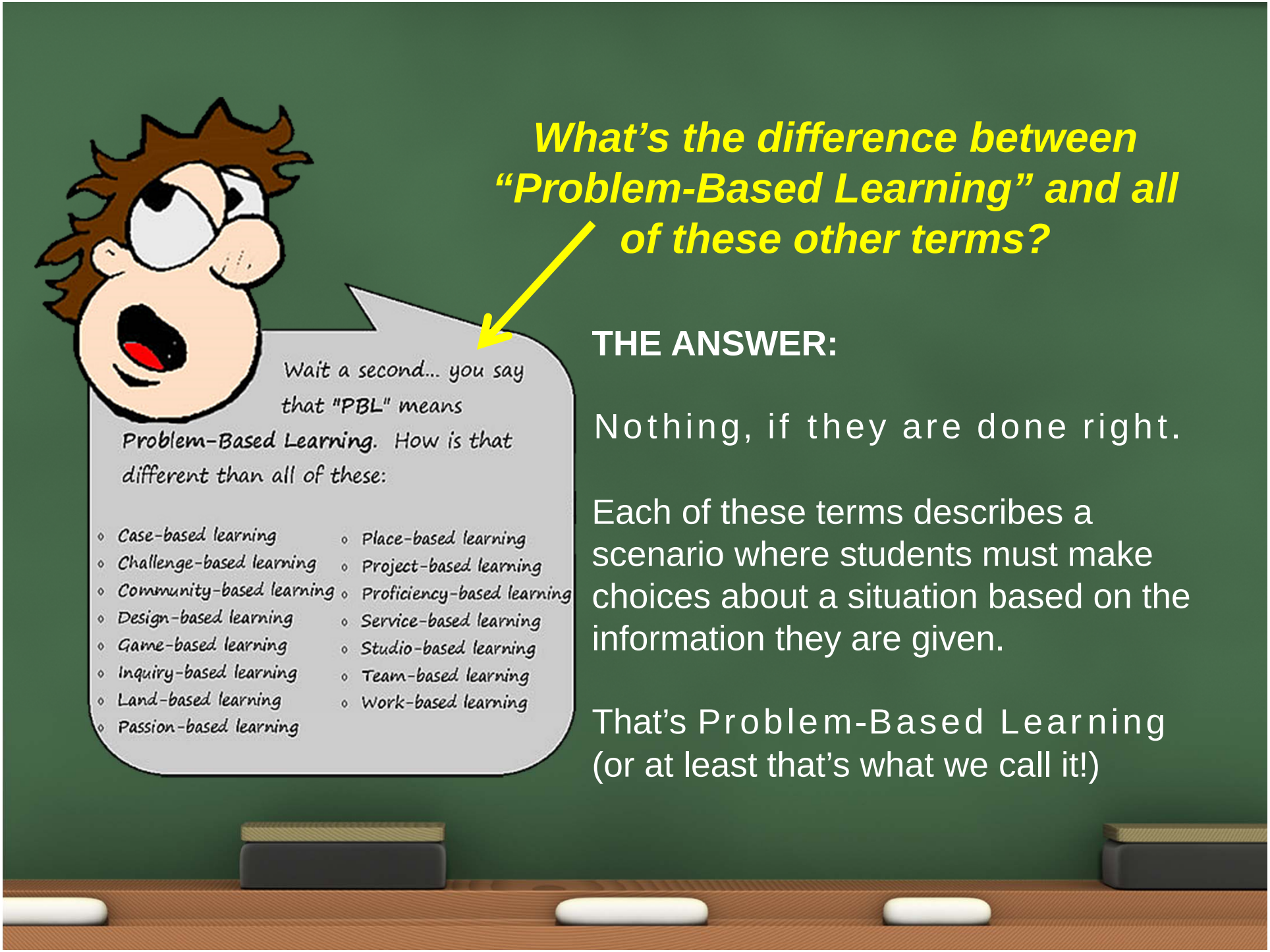
Why is it called “Problem-Based Learning”?



What's the difference between "Problem-Based Learning" and all of these other terms?

THE ANSWER:

Nothing, if they are done right.

Each of these terms describes a scenario where students must make choices about a situation based on the information they are given.

That's Problem-Based Learning (or at least that's what we call it!)

We prefer the term “Problem” because it highlights the thinking element of the process.

By contrast, consider the term “Project-Based Learning.” While the process is the same, the word “Project” brings to mind a simple assignment that must be completed .

(such as a volcano made from baking soda and vinegar)