



Why is it called
“Problem-Based
Learning”?





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

Wait a second... you say that "PBL" means Problem-Based Learning. How is that different than all of these:

- Case-based learning
- Challenge-based learning
- Community-based learning
- Design-based learning
- Game-based learning
- Inquiry-based learning
- Land-based learning
- Passion-based learning
- Place-based learning
- Project-based learning
- Proficiency-based learning
- Service-based learning
- Studio-based learning
- Team-based learning
- Work-based learning

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)

