

Digital Learning



Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Have you ever taken an online course?
2. Do you use your cell phone for learning?
3. What is an interactive whiteboard?
4. Can Facebook be educational?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match up as many words and meanings as you can.

Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on page 2.

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| ___ 1. face | a) the actual time something happens, not delayed |
| ___ 2. assign | b) requiring participation and sharing |
| ___ 3. flexible | c) not to be trusted or relied on |
| ___ 4. affordable | d) open to change |
| ___ 5. interactive | e) no longer useful or used, outdated |
| ___ 6. obsolete | f) inexpensive |
| ___ 7. unreliable | g) appearance |
| ___ 8. encyclopedia | h) a major change in the way people think and act |
| ___ 9. real time | i) a reference book of facts in alphabetized volumes |
| ___ 10. revolution | j) to give someone a project or assignment |

Listening

 <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2010/12/15/digital-learning/>

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the recording.

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Are classrooms the next thing to go?

1. *Times are changing!* Teachers say this more than anyone. Day by day, digital learning is changing the _____ of education. Instead of textbooks, essays, and paper-based tests, teachers _____ e-books, blog posts, and Internet quizzes. Blackboards are being replaced with smart boards. Learning with technology is growing in popularity around the world. Why? Digital learning is often _____, affordable, and interactive. You can do a full university degree online at home and join a study group on Facebook.
2. As technology advances, textbooks are becoming _____. Will teachers and four-walled classrooms be the next thing to go? At one time, people thought robots would take over human jobs. Now it seems the Internet is doing this. Can you remember when the Internet was viewed as an _____ source? Today, the Internet is the world's _____. Information changes quickly and some textbooks become outdated before they're printed. These days, students use cell phones and laptops with Wi-Fi access to research and share knowledge and ideas in _____.
3. Some subjects are better suited to _____ than others. You can't learn how to fix a car without actually touching it, can you? It would be hard to study ballet through YouTube alone. What about language learning? Will classrooms, study halls, and libraries exist for many generations, or are we experiencing an educational _____?