Maastricht University

Problem-Based Learning



Master's Open Day 16 March 2019 Annelore Doezé

PBL: No nodding off in a lecture

- Students work toge
- ther in small groups



- Complex problems are solved using real-life cases
- Not just learn content of course, but also **collaboration**, **communication** and



What does it look like?

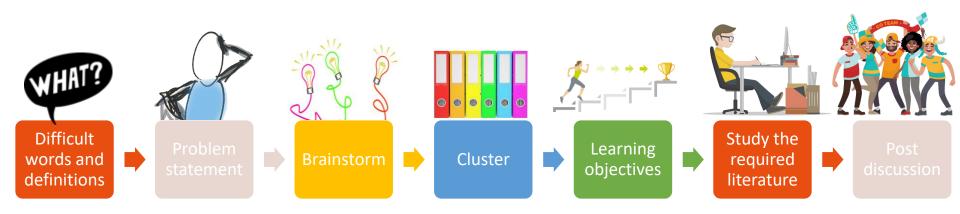
- Each tutorial consists of max. 14 students
- Two hour meetings twice a week
 - 1st meeting: Pre-discussion
 - Then: Post pre, post pre, post pre etc.
- Chair and scribe are chosen
- Tutor with specialty in relevant subjects
- Case
 - Problem from professional practice.
 Complicated, so teamwork and strategy is needed





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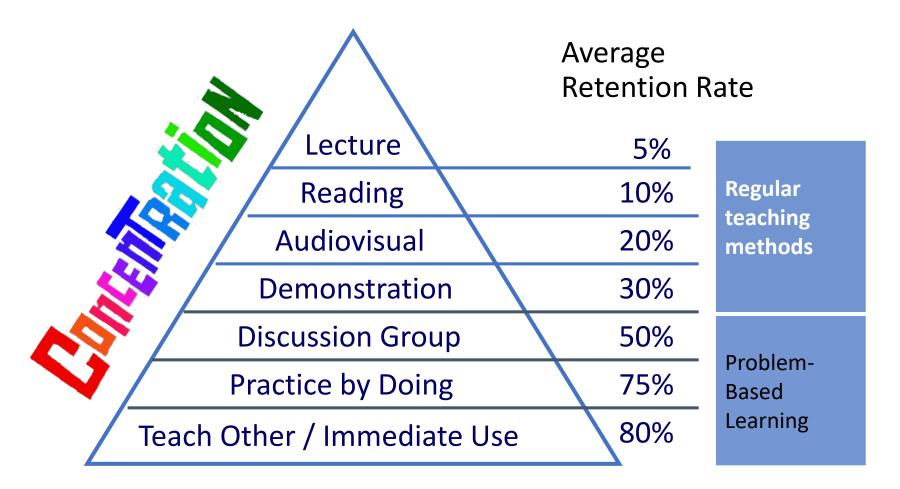






Difference with 'normal' classes





Bales, 1996, EDINEB

PBL: Hit or miss?



Yes!	But wait
Communication and presentation skills	Dependency
Argumentation	Speaking in public
Triggering the brain	Details
Real-life examples	Two way street
Collaboration	



Let's try it!



Go the extra mile

Gina Bernadetti

You are a doctor working in an emergency department at a large hospital. You receive a telephone call from a local family practitioner telling you that she is sending in a 19 year old girl who has swallowed a vial full of her mother's "headache" tablets. One hour later the girl walks into the emergency room. Apparently she took the tablets 3 hours earlier in a fit of jealousy because her boyfriend had taken her sister out to a party. As well as taking "lots" of tablets, she consumed half a bottle of Canadian sherry and a unknown quantity of popcorn. She has vomited three times since the ingestion. She is physically normal except for some right epigastric tenderness. Tattoos are noted on her left shoulder and right buttock. There no past medical history of note. She is is unemployed but has had eight jobs since leaving school three years ago. None lasted more than two months.