



Practical worlds of learning:



applied learning as a framework for literacy resources



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What is applied learning?



What is applied learning?

Dewey (1938)

- Experience is the best teacher
- It is important to include learning as part of the learning process
- Separation of the active doing from the passive underdoing phase destroys the meaning of the experience.

Constructivists (D. Jonassen, 1999)

- Knowledge is built by the learner not supplied by the teacher
- Students must construct a product, make a decision or solve problems
- Engage in solving authentic problems where the student assumes ownership of the problem.

Gee (1990, 1996, 2004 +)

- Good learning requires students to be active agents (producers) not just passive recipients (consumers)
- People do not like practicing skills out of context
- Humans ... think through experiences they have had

The applied learning principles

Principle 1 :	Start where learners are at.
Principle 2 :	Utilise student interest to negotiate the curriculum . Make it relevant!
Principle 3 :	Share Knowledge . Learn from everyone!
Principle 4 :	Connect with communities and real life experiences.
Principle 5 :	Build resilience, confidence and self worth – consider the whole person.
Principle 6 :	Integrate learning . Learning should reflect the integration of skills & knowledge that occurs in real life tasks.
Principle 7 :	Everyone learns differently. Value and promote different learning styles .
Principle 8 :	Assess appropriately . Use the assessment method that best 'fits the learning content and context.

My take on applied learning

3 key characteristics of applied learning

1. Integrate different content areas
2. Links to the real world
3. Links practice and theory / theory and practice



*We had the experience
but missed the
meaning*

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Literacy and
numeracy in the
community



Is it an applied learning activity?

Rate it ...

Applied ←————→ Not applied

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