

Learning

The illiterate of the future are not those who can't read and write but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. Alvin Toffler

Learning is not a spectator sport. Students do not learn much just by sitting in class listening to teachers, memorizing prepackaged assignments, and spitting out answers. They must talk about what they are learning, write about it, relate it to past experiences, apply it to their daily lives. They must make what they learn part of themselves. Chickering and Gamson 1987, p.3.

Learning is enhanced when it is more like a team effort than a solo race. Good learning, like good work, is collaborative and social, not competitive and isolated. Working with others often increases involvement in learning. Sharing one's own ideas and responding to others' reactions improves thinking and deepens understanding. Chickering and Gamson 1987, p.3.

We learn new things by doing them first with others. Learning progresses from an *inter-* to an *intra* - psychological plane. Lev Vygotsky