REPRESENTATIONS & PEER FEEDBACK

How many text messages are sent if four people all send messages to each other?

How many text messages are sent with different numbers of people?

https://www.primas.mathshell.org/pd/modules/7 Self and Peer Assessment/html/index.htm



INQUIRY AND MODELING AS LEARNING FACILITATORS FOR MATHEMATICS

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IBL IN MATHEMATICS CLASSIFYING AND DEFINING

- Write down the definition of a polygon
- Exchange definitions and try to improve them
- Sort the objects: which are polygons according to your definition?
- Definitions need improvement?



IBL IN MATHEMATICS PROVING AND ROLE OF EXAMPLES

Statements: never, sometimes or always true?

- A pentagon has fewer right angles than a rectangle
- If you add the same number to the top and bottom of a fraction, the fraction gets bigger in value
- Max gets a pay rise of 30% and Jim gets a pay rise of 25%. So Max gets the bigger pay rise.
- The integral of the derivative of function *f* equals the derivative of the integral of *f*

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What (mathematical) question could you ask?



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CHANGES IN THE DRUG LEVEL TASK INSPIRED BY INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING



INQUIRY BASED LEARNING (IBL) IS

 Education with an active role for students by involving them in (a selection of) phases of inquiry



- Goals: Raise interest, create ownership, deeper learning, develop inquiry skills
- Conditions: teaching materials and methods, classroom culture, ...

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FINDINGS

- A positive and large effect on students engaging in the epistemic domain of inquiry (Furtak et al. 2012)
- IBL (can) result in better understanding of science (Minner et al. 2010)

"Fifty-one percent of the 138 studies showed positive impacts of some level of inquiry on student content learning and retention (...) there was no statistically significant association between amount of inquiry and increased student science conceptual learning"

• Greater improvements in students' science literacy and research skills, but lower gain in self-confidence in scientific abilities ... (Gormally et al. 2009)

"maybe due to experiencing complexity and frustrations, and over-estimation of traditional taught students"

• Direct instruction, worked examples and repeated practice have proven to be effective (Kirschner e.a., 2006)

REACTION ON KIRSCHNER E.A. (2006) (HMELO-SILVER E.A., 2007)

- IBL ≠ 'free discovery'
- IBL works, when sufficiently 'guided'
 - Guidance is needed to
 - Make content knowledge and skills explicit
 - Structure complex and open tasks

Offer support (scaffolds) with lesson plans, worksheets, ...

• Structure out of your task \rightarrow Structure into your lesson!

IBL ≠ 'FREE DISCOVERY'

- Various interpretations of IBL (Bruder & Prescott, 2013)
 - Structured Inquiry: The teacher gives the students a problem or question to be solved as well as the appropriate strategy and materials
 - Guided Inquiry: The teacher provides the students with the problems or questions and the necessary materials. Students have to find strategies
 - Open Inquiry: Students take the initiative to find problems or questions they would like to solve and answer
- Guided inquiry in mathematics education appeared most effective for motivation (and results) providing opportunities for students...
 - to generate strategies and solutions
 - to discuss and compare strategies and solutions
 - to make decisions and justify their decisions

IBL – A HOLISTIC VIEW (FOCUS IN PRIMAS)

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EU IBL-PD-EVALUATION: PRIMAS

Table 11

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Overview of the paired-samples of the teacher (pre-post study)

	Sample (propor	e size tion)	science	maths
Cyprus	68	(.12)	27	40
Germany	14	(.03)	3	10
Hungary	72	(.13)	40	27
Malta	21	(.04)	8	13
Netherlands	16	(.03)	13	2
Norway	10	(.02)	0	10
Romania	100	(.02)	24	72
Slovakia	83	(.15)	53	30
Spain	49	(.09)	7	33
Switzerland	65	(.12)	14	50
UK	65	(.12)	0	64
Total	563	1.00	189	351

PRIMAS

Pre-post comparison of orientation towards IBL, routine use of IBL and belief that IBL motivates students (paired samples) (1: strongly disagree, 2: disagree, 3: agree, 4: strongly agree) (***difference is significant at the .01 level)



PRIMAS

Changes of happiness with the existing situation and of problems with implementation of IBL: *happiness (hap)*, *classroom management (cla)*, *resources (res)* and *system restrictions (syr)* (1: strongly disagree, 2: disagree, 3: agree, 4: strongly agree) (*difference is significant at the .05 level)



INQUIRY AS LEARNING FACILITATOR

- Helpful for enriching teaching repertoires
- Necessary for addressing and developing inquiry skills
- Can facilitate content learning (by eliciting and connecting to students' contributions)



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- Alternative: learning mathematics as an activity
 - organizing subject matter from reality
 - organizing mathematical subject matter
- Result: mathematics that is more meaningful, relevant and applicable

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Situational level Activity in the task setting, in which interpretations and solutions depend on understanding of how to act in the setting (often out of school settings) Daily drug intake and % secretion





1500 mg 1125 mg + 1500 mg = 2 844 mg + 1125 mg + 1500 633 mg + 844 mg + 1129 4102 mg 475 mg + 633 mg + 844 mg 1500 mg = 4576 mg 356 mg + 475 mg + 633 mg 1500 mg = 4932 mg

Referential level

Referential activity, in which an emerging model derives its meaning from the reference to activity in the task setting, and functions as a *model of* that activity. *Repeated calculations*





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General level

Attention shifts towards mathematical relations, the model starts to derive its meaning from those mathematical relations, and becomes a *model for* mathematical reasoning *General model for calculations*



 $x_n = a \cdot x_{n-1} + b$









Formal level

More formal mathematical reasoning that is no longer dependent on the situational support *Reasoning about role of parameters on graphs and limits*



DRUG LEVEL TASK – TWO PERSPECTIVES

IBL

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- Who is owner of the question?
- Who is planning the solution procedure?
- What is the product?

RME

- What are students' solutions and representations/calculations?
- Which models can connect to students' initial reasoning and how can they support the development of formal mathematics?
- How to ensure whole class progress?

Role of the teacher?

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LESSON STUDY AS INSTRUMENT FOR STUDYING AND IMPLEMENTING TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- <u>https://time-project.eu/en/news/video-lesson-study</u>
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eFJ2miTf1g</u>