Team Based Learning: in-person or online collaborative active learning that enhances problem solving skills

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What is TBL?

Team Based Learning (TBL) is a structured, small group, collaborative form of learning where learners combine their knowledge to solve problems.



In-person TBL

During *in situ* sessions students use a scratchcard (below) to obtain instant feedback on their team MCQs then work through

application activities together on paper.

- TBL is highly effective at facilitating active learning:
- **Preparation**: requirement to prepare in advance
- **Application**: problem solving **Collaboration**: discuss potential solutions and learn from peers

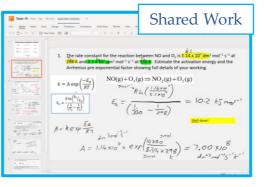
Regular evaluation suggests over 90% of students find TBL useful.

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Online TBL

To facilitate online TBL, we designed a free to use <u>online scratchcard</u>, which was easily embedded in MS Teams and provides instant feedback during the RAP.

Application activities were completed on shared Power Point slides, easily monitored by the instructor.



Whilst not all students enjoyed the sessions, over 70% of those surveyed found online TBL useful.



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Advantages:

- Highly structured
- Peer interaction
- Instant Feedback
- Accessible for staff with no prior TBL experience

"TBL has probably been the most effective teaching tool that I have used online" - Keele staff member