

## Glossary of Education

### Open Education

An approach to teaching and learning emphasizing the student's right to make decisions and that views the teacher as facilitator of learning rather than as transmitter of knowledge -- it may include such characteristics as vertical grouping, cross-age teaching, independent study, individualized rates of progression, open plan schools, and unstructured time and curriculum.

#### Related terms:

- [Independent Study](#),
- [Nontraditional Education](#),
- [Student Centered Curriculum](#),
- [Humanistic Education](#),
- [Learning Centers \(Classroom\)](#),
- [Self Directed Groups](#),
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<http://www.education.com/definition/open-education/>

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### Self Directed Groups

Groups with a passive leader or without a specified leader in which all members mutually agree on group goals and procedures.

#### Related terms:

- [Cooperative Learning](#),
- [Open Education](#),
- [Group Dynamics](#),
- [Self Management](#),

- [Self Determination](#),
- [Motivation Techniques](#),
- [Group Experience](#)

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# Cooperative Learning

Cooperative learning is an instructional approach that teaches students how to be effective, collaborative, and supportive team members. Development of those interpersonal skills are accomplished through group activities such as group projects, shared and individual accountability for tasks, and peer teaching.

## Related terms:

- [Social Integration](#),
- [Socialization](#),
- [Cooperative Learning](#),
- [Learning Strategies](#),
- [Active Learnin](#)

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# Active Learning

Active Learning refers to a method of learning where active student participation is encouraged through project-based exercises. One unique characteristic of active learning is that the teacher acts as a facilitator of the education process rather than as a unilateral source of information. Examples of active learning include in-class debates and discussion circles on reading assignments.

# Nontraditional Education

Educational programs that are offered as alternatives within or without the formal educational system and provide innovative and flexible instruction, curriculum, grading systems, or degree requirements.

## Related terms:

- [Nonformal Education](#),
- [School Choice](#),
- [Educational Principles](#),
- [Relevance \(Education\)](#),
- [Individualized Educational Plan \(IEP\)](#),
- [Magnet School](#),
- [more...](#)

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# Relevance (Education)

Applicability of what is taught by schools to the needs and interests of students and society.

## Related terms:

- [Accountability](#),
- [Nontraditional Education](#),
- [Curriculum Development](#),
- [Educational Objectives](#),
- [Education Work Relationship](#),
- [Educational Needs](#),
- [more...](#)

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# Curriculum Development

Activities such as conceptualizing, planning, implementing, field testing, and researching that are intended to produce new curricula or improve existing ones.

## Related terms:

- [Curriculum](#),
- [Universal Design for Learning](#),
- [Curriculum Based Assessments](#),
- [Relevance \(Education\)](#),
- [Formative Evaluation](#),
- [Instructional Materials](#),
- [more...](#)

## Independent Study

Independent study is a specialized instructional program available sometimes in high school but more often in college and graduate school. An independent study is an opportunity for students to use research skills to explore an area of interest in great detail. Often, students who pursue independent study programs are required to write a final research paper and present on the findings of the study.

## Related terms:

- [Reading Comprehension Help](#),
- [Independent Reading](#),
- [Metacognition](#),
- [Active Learning](#),
- [Teaching Methods](#),
- [Intellectual Freedom](#),
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# Reading Comprehension

Get help with reading by selecting the topic below you are interested in learning more about. Reading study guides and practice exercises are provided for everything from reading comprehension to essay writing.

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- [Comprehension: Main Points](#)
- [Comprehension: Structure, Parts, Plots](#)
- [Comprehension: Language and Style](#)
- [Comprehension: Subtle Points](#)

## Study Guides

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### [\*\*\*Introductory Reading Quiz\*\*\*](#)

Introductory Reading Quiz First Peoples of the Northeast Read the selection, and then answer the questions that follow. ...

Source: [LearningExpress, LLC](#)

- 2.

### [\*\*\*Words that Sound or Look Alike Study Guide\*\*\*](#)

Words that Sound or Look Alike In this lesson, you'll discover that some words are pronounced the same but spelled differently and have different meanings, and some words are spelled the same but pronounced differently and have different ...

Source: [LearningExpress, LLC](#)

- 3.

### [Reading Prefixes and Suffixes Practice Exercises](#)

Review the following study guide if needed: Reading Prefixes and Suffixes Study Guide  
Reading Prefixes and Suffixes Practice ...

Source: [LearningExpress, LLC](#)

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### [Reading Context Clues Study Guide](#)

Reading Context Clues In this lesson, you'll discover that authors give clues in the text to help you understand what you read. You just have to be a word detective and find them!  
SOMETIMES AUTHORS NEED or want to use words they know ...

Source: [LearningExpress, LLC](#)

## Metacognition

"Thinking about thinking." Reflecting on one's personal thought processes. Examples of metacognition might be taking a moment to think about the way one reads while reading a passage, or asking oneself after reading a passage, "Why did that make me react the way it did?"

## Student Centered Curriculum

Systematic group of courses or sequence of subjects that utilizes student experiences, backgrounds, and interests.

### Related terms:

- [Behavioral Objectives](#),
- [Curriculum Design](#),
- [Open Education](#),
- [Reggio Emilia Approach](#),
- [Developmentally Appropriate Practice](#),
- [Scaffolding \(Teaching Technique\)](#),
- [more...](#)

## Open Universities

Higher education institutions with liberal admission policies that feature external degree programs and often use nontraditional delivery systems (telecourses, etc.) -- e.g., Open University of the United Kingdom, University of Mid-America (Note: Before Mar80, the Thesaurus carried the instruction "Open University, USE External Degree Programs").

## Related terms:

- [Nontraditional Education](#),
- [Access to Education](#),
- [Distance Education](#),
- [Outreach Programs](#),
- [External Degree Programs](#),
- [Open Enrollment](#),
- [more...](#)

## Distance Education

Education facilitated by the communications media (mail, e-mail, radio, television, videotape, computers, videoconferencing and others) with little or no classroom or other face-to-face contact between students and teachers.

## Related terms:

- [Independent Study](#),
- [Nontraditional Education](#),
- [Lifelong Learning](#),
- [Outreach Progr](#)

## Online Courses

Classes conducted remotely via computer systems, usually on the Internet.

## Related terms:

- [Internet](#),
- [Independent Study](#),
- [Nontraditional Education](#),

- [Distance Education](#),
- [Extensi](#)

## Virtual Universities

Providers of higher education (including colleges, universities, corporations, or other entities) lacking a traditional campus who are engaged in the delivery of distance education, degree-granting programs, and accompanying services primarily through the Internet (Note: For traditional universities or colleges offering a small selection of online courses to supplement on-campus programs use "Online Courses").

### Related terms:

- [Internet](#),
- [Nontraditional Education](#),
- [University](#),
- [Distance Education](#),
- [Online Courses](#),
- [Extensio](#)

## Courseware

Computer software and accompanying documentation written for instructional applications.

### Related terms:

- [Courses](#),
- [Autoinstructional Aids](#),
- [Learner Controlled Instruction](#),
- [Audiovisual Aids](#),
- [Computer Assisted Instruction](#),
- [Integrated Learning Systems](#),
- [Teaching Machines](#)