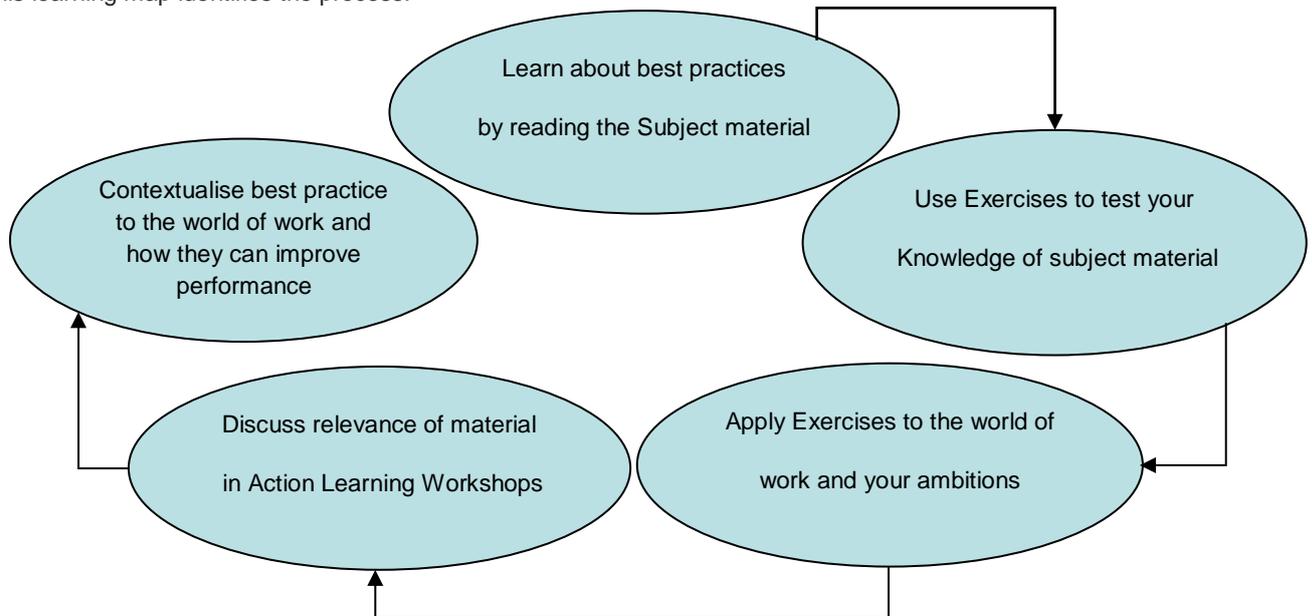


'What is 'blended learning?'

Courses delivered via a blended learning approach (also known as hybrid or mixed-mode courses) are where a portion of the traditional face-to-face instruction is replaced by web-based online learning. How much of the face-to-face instruction replaced by online coursework varies greatly by class, discipline, and learning objectives. The Online Learning Consortium (formerly, the Sloan Consortium, a professional organisation dedicated to postsecondary online learning) defines blended learning as a course where up to 70% of the instruction is delivered online.

This learning map identifies the process:



- Blended learning means we use a range of delivery, learning and assessment approaches to help you achieve your accreditation; approaches that include face-to-face tutorials (group and/or individual), e-enabled access to learning content and communication via for example our learning platform and social media hubs. The Qualifi approach includes directed learning which encourages your use of on-line research and resources; enabling learning 24/7/365. Assessment both formative and summative includes our use of e-tools to set, manage and assess assignments and tasks and to provide developmental feedback. Face-to-face tutorials are class based and synchronous i.e. real time digitally supported dialogue with your tutor. These approaches and use of accessible technologies provide you with flexibilities that allow you a degree of autonomy regarding how and when you learn.
- Your qualification modules will introduce you to the subject. In some cases where there are option choices you are encouraged to read these and consider their relevance and context. As you develop your understanding you will be enabled to look at the subject matter ideas and techniques in more detail
- Course exercises give you an opportunity to investigate ideas and to apply new knowledge to your situation
- Discussions led by the tutor, involving your peers and yourself are held at the course workshops, this approach allows a group identity to form and encourages free exchange of ideas, sharing of information, stretch and challenge and intellectual stimulation within a mutually supportive, respectful and encouraging environment.
- You are encouraged throughout your studies to apply what you have learned and to become a reflective practitioner.
- This approach means that you learn approximately one third from the modules, one third from the exercises and one third from the Workshops.

Further information about what blended learning click here: <https://www.mindflash.com/elearning/what-is-blended-learning/>