

The SPOTTING PBL Checklist



What are the criteria for SPOTTING PBL?

Use the checklist to help!

1

Authentic Problem

Open ended

Absence of straightforward answer

Explored from **multiple perspectives**

Relevant to the learners

Embedded in **realistic contexts**

Represents **different disciplines and topics**

2

Tutor Groups

The instructor guides and mentors from the side

The instructor provides just-in-time support and may become part of the group

The students work in small groups of ideally 5-8 students

The students offer emotional and intellectual support to each other

The students are in control of their outcome

3

Problem Solving

There are lots of ways to “see” problem solving...but does it engage students into planning solutions to a **problem at the CORE** of the experience?