

Best Practices – Standard Terminology

Introduction

I recommend adopting standard terminology for the different elements involved in a course.

Taxonomy

A 'programme' consists of a number of 'courses'.

- > A 'course' consists of a number of 'modules'

- - - > A 'module' consists of a number of 'topics'

- - - - - > A 'topic' consists of one or more 'pages'

The table below shows the definitions of 'Quiz' and 'Assessment' I use.

A Quiz:	An Assessment:
Occurs within, or at the end of, a module.	Occurs at the end of a course.
Is for the learner's self-assessment.	Assesses the learner against a pass mark for the course.
Scores are not tracked.	Scores are tracked.
Provides informative feedback to the learner, explaining why their answer was incorrect.	Provides a final score and identifies which questions were answered incorrectly.