

# 10 Key Differences

Instructor-Centered	Learner-Centered
Focus is on instructor	Focus is on the learner
Knowledge is transmitted from instructor to learner	Learners construct knowledge through gathering and analyzing information
Instructor talks while learner passively listens	Learners interact with instructor and each other
Learners passively receive information	Learners are actively involved
Learner works alone	Learner often works in pairs or groups
Culture is competitive	Culture is collaborative and supportive
Instructor restrains conversation	Learners are encourage to engage, ask questions, debate, and share ideas
Instructor answers learner's questions	Learners answer each other's questions
Emphasis is on right answers	Emphasis is on generating better questions and learning from errors
Assessment is used to monitor learning	Assessment is used to promote and diagnose learning.