# enVisionmath2.0 © 2017 Problem-Based Learning

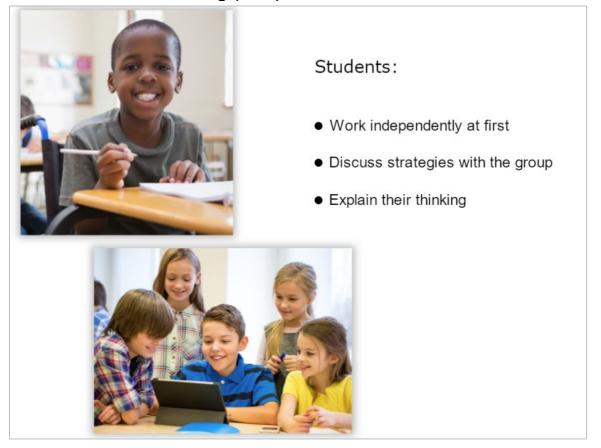
Introduction



Hi, enVisionmath2.0 teachers!

Let's take a look at how problem-based learning helps your students build conceptual understanding so you can take their learning to the next level.

### Problem-Based Learning (PBL)

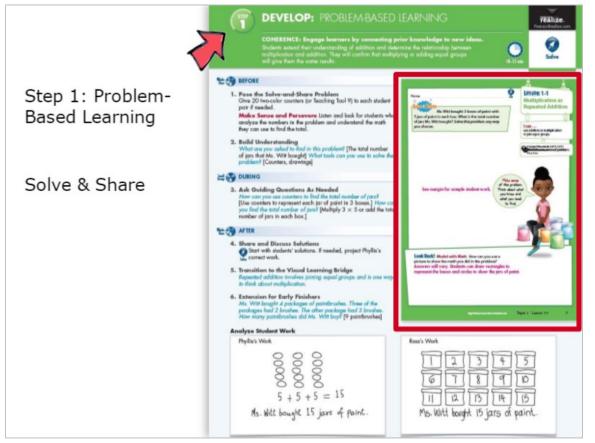


Problem-based learning (or PBL) involves teaching *through* problem solving. You'll use problems that students can already do in order to activate their prior knowledge. By using what they already know as a starting point, students begin to discover new concepts on their own as they solve the problems.

Students first solve problems independently and then discuss their strategies with their classmates. Each student is responsible for explaining their thinking to a partner or group.

During this process, teachers observe students and identify strategies that they want students to share with the whole group. Teachers support students who may be off track using questioning strategies.

### PBL in enVisionmath2.0

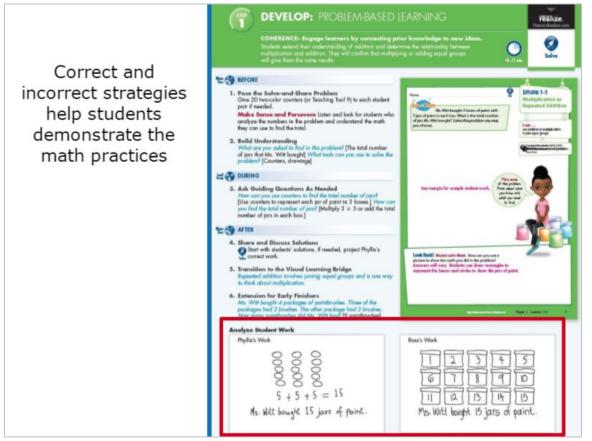


You'll facilitate PBL in Steps 1 and 2 of enVisionmath2.0 lessons.

In Step 1: Problem-Based Learning, students solve a problem, the Solve & Share, in which new concepts are embedded.

In Step 2: Visual Learning, those concepts are made explicit through direct instruction that is supported by rich classroom conversations about the Visual Learning Bridge.

### Step 1: Develop: Problem-Based Learning



At the beginning of each lesson, guide students through the Solve & Share problem.

The Teacher's Edition provides teaching actions for before, during, and after this problem-based learning.

Before students begin working on the problem, use teaching actions 1 and 2 to build understanding with the whole group.

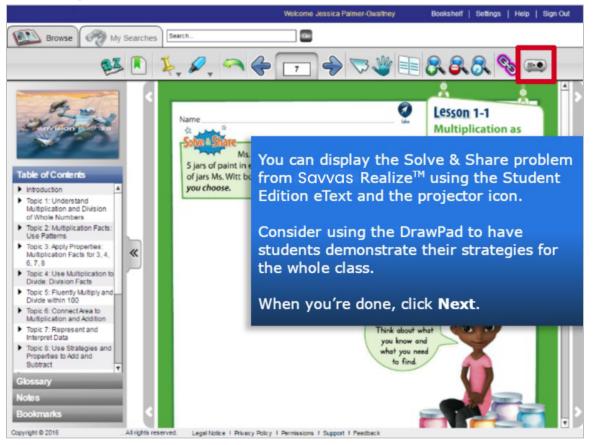
During the problem-based learning, have students work in pairs or small groups to productively struggle. Students may solve the problem any way they choose, and you can support them with guiding questions.

After students develop strategies and solutions, bring the whole group together to give students a chance to explain their thinking and hear a variety of strategies.

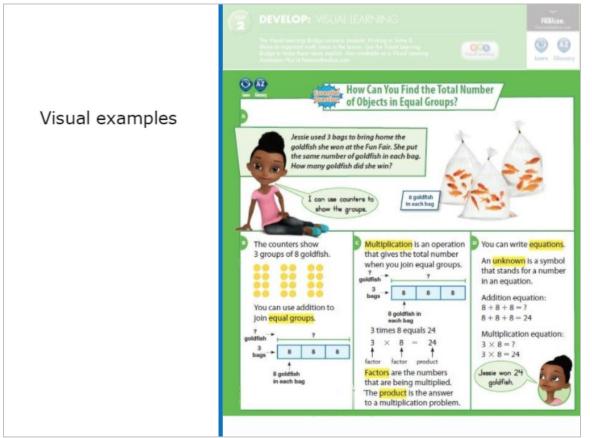
Consider displaying correct and incorrect strategies to help students develop the thinking habits described by the math practices. There is sample student work in the Teacher's Edition and on Savvas Realize that you can display.



### Quick Tip!



### Step 2: Visual Learning



After the Solve & Share, continue the PBL by guiding your students through a completed problem that introduces the important mathematics of the lesson through a series of visual examples.

This is called the Visual Learning Bridge. It's a bridge because it connects the students' thinking and solutions for the Solve & Share problem to the new mathematical ideas of the lesson. In other words, it's not left to chance that students will take away the important mathematics from their work with the Solve & Share; the important concepts are made explicit through visual learning.

Continue the PBL by asking students guiding questions to expand their thinking and reinforce the math practices as they explore the multiple representations in the Visual Learning Bridge.

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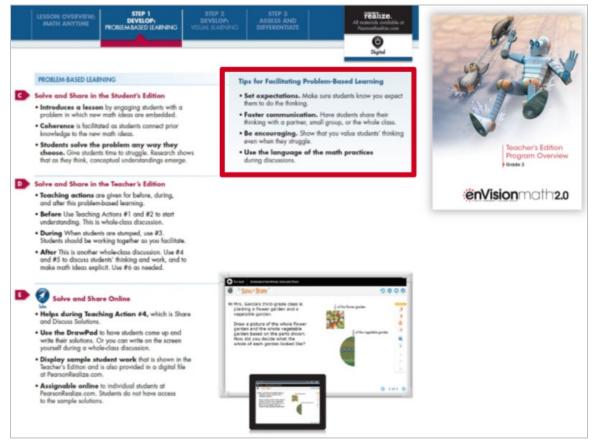
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Every Visual Learning Bridge in enVisionmath2.0 is also available as an online Visual Learning Animation Plus video that you can play from Sovvos								

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Realize to engage your students.

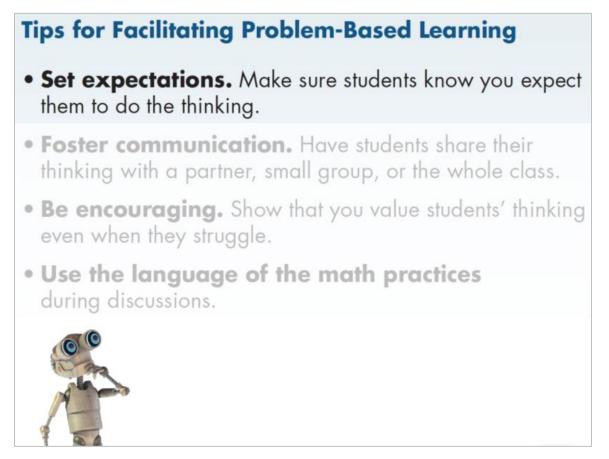


### Interactive Exercise



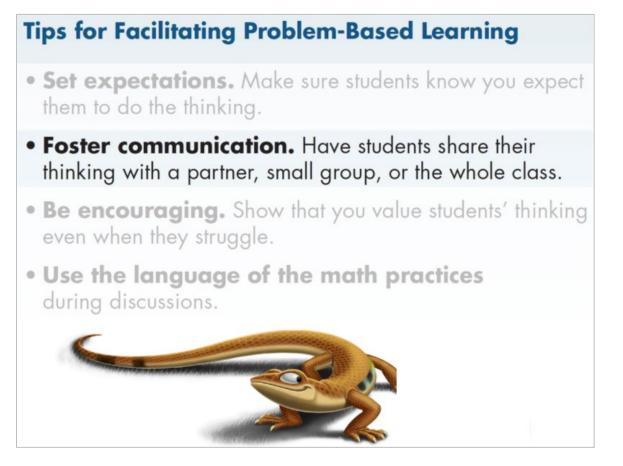
Try these tips from the Teacher's Edition Program Overview to facilitate PBL in your classroom.

### Set Expectations



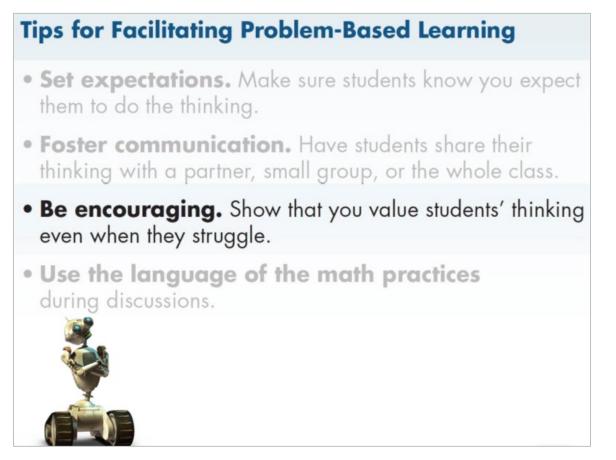
First, set expectations. Make sure students know you expect them to work through the problem, identify the strategy they used, and explain their thinking.

### **Foster communication**



Second, foster communication by asking open-ended questions. Have students share their thinking with a partner, in a small group, or with the whole class.

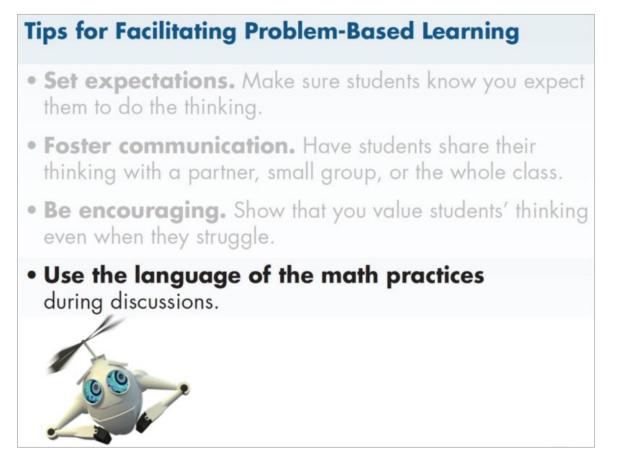
### Be encouraging



Third, be encouraging. Show that you value students' thinking even when they struggle to identify the solution or explain their ideas clearly.



### Use the language of the math practices



And, finally, use the language of the math practices during discussions to encourage students to become better thinkers and problem-solvers.



### Closing



Thanks for learning more about PBL and enVisionmath2.0 today!

Hopefully you've identified some resources and tips to help you facilitate PBL with your

students.

Keep digging into MySavvasTraining.com for more information about Savvas Realize and **enVision**math**2.0**.