

Video 1

What is PBLA

Scene	Narration
1	Welcome to Canada and your English language class! As you spend time here, you will learn English and about what it is like to live in Canada.
2	In your class, your instructor uses Portfolio Based Language Assessment, or PBLA, to show you how your language is improving.
3	You will learn English over time, getting better the more you learn from your instructor and the more you practice.
4	You need to show what you've learned. To help you do that, you will receive your very own portfolio. Your teacher may call it your binder.
5	This is your binder that you will use in your ESL classroom. See you in class!

Video 2

When do you use PBLA

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1	In your classroom, you will practice Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. This will help to improve your English.
2	You will put what you have learned in your binder.
3	Over time you will see how your English is getting better.
4	You will be able to review what you have learned and can work with your instructor to decide what you need to improve on and what to learn next.
5	Your binder also has a lot of great information about living in Canada and learning English
6	This binder is yours to use in the classroom and at home.

Video 3

Why use PBLA

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1	In your class, your instructor will ask you what you want to learn. You can choose topics that will help you in your daily life in Canada.
2	Over time you will see how your English is getting better.
3	As your English gets better, you will be able to do more things in your daily life like going shopping.
4	Think about it, what will learning English help you do in your life?
5	With your binder you can see how far you've come.

Video 4

English Testimonials

Participants in these videos are learning English. Some parts of the transcription have been edited for clarity.

Narration

Using PBLA in your classroom will help you learn English. Let's hear what students have to say!

Narrated question: **When do you use your binder?**

I use my binder every day.
When I need to learn about Canada.
[At] home, to review all my work.
If I need help with my class.
When I want to see my progress in the course.
Everyday because it's my companion of life.

Narrated question: **What do you put in your binder?**

In my binder I put my assignments and the homework.
My speaking, my listening and my reading tasks.
My tests and my notes.
My portfolio.

Narrated question: **How does using the binder help you?**

The binder help[s] me to learn English.
[To] learn about Canada.
To learn about my new community.

Narrated question: **Why do you like using the binder?**

I love to use my binder because it helps me to organize my materials.
It contains important, useful, new information.
It has very useful information about Canada like weather and climate, housing, education, health system.
The binder is like a guide in my English language journey.
My binder helps me see how my English is getting better.
It helps newcomers to have a general idea about how they can start a fresh and new life.
My binder has helped me to start a new life in Canada.

Using PBLA has helped these students. Come see how it will help you! See you in class!