

JISC Potential benefits of mobile and wireless learning



Consider whether any of these potential benefits are relevant to your context of work. How could this benefit be realised in an actual application of mobile/wireless?

Mobile/wireless devices tend to be personal, private and familiar; they reduce perceived barriers to learning	
Mobile devices are pervasive (most learners have a mobile phone)	
Mobile/wireless devices are highly portable, allowing access to learning from anywhere	
Using mobile devices, learners can fit learning into their life, including 'dead' time such as travelling, queuing	
Mobile devices allow immediacy of communication, including speech and data sharing	
Lap-tops and wireless networks allow access to learning by learners in dispersed communities and isolated situations	
Context awareness brings a new dimension to learning in the field	
Mobile devices can be used to record data and to capture the process of learning wherever it happens	
Mobile devices allow on-the-move contact with mentors, tutors or other learners	
Mobile phones are considered an acceptable way for learners to receive reminders and chasers, and to manage their time.	
Bite-sized (just in time) e-learning resources can be delivered e.g. to basic skills learners, or work-based learners	
Abstract (representations) and concrete (environmentally situated) knowledge can be integrated, connecting field or workplace learning with classroom learning	
Peer-to-peer networks make mobile learning inherently more learner-centred	