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Online learning has legions of adoring fans.

Some students swear that e-learning has changed their lives for the better.

The qualifications they earned online have opened up a whole new world of opportunities.

But you might have a few more doubts.

Maybe your e-learning course *doesn't* make you feel like you're skipping happily through the Land of Chocolate.

Maybe it looks more like a long, tedious trek through the desert.

You're getting pretty sick of living on insects, and watching the circling vultures.

If you're wondering if you'll ever like studying online, wonder no more.

Let's take a closer look at e-learning, and what it can do for you.

The Top 10 Reasons People Love Learning Online

1. It's flexible

E-learning means you don't have to put the rest of your life on hold while you study. This fact alone is life-changing.

There's no need to move to a new city to be near the right campus.

As long as you have internet access, you can learn online, no matter where you live.

You can attend an online lecture at 3am if it suits you.

2. It's challenging and stimulating

When you study online, you have access to a whole world of information and knowledge.

You can often tailor your course to make it relevant to your personal or professional interests. You're bound to find it worthwhile at some level.

And you don't have to wander through this strange new world alone.

You have a guide to help – your tutor or facilitator.

3. It has career benefits

By learning online, you're showing your employer you're serious about professional development. You're refining your existing skills, or learning new ones.

And those new skills could lead to a promotion, or exciting career opportunities.

4. You'll meet interesting people

Your fellow learners may not be in the same room with you, it's true.

But it's still possible to make great new contacts via email and discussion boards.

5. It's a great self-esteem booster

Successful e-learning will prove – to yourself, and everyone else – that you're capable of stepping up to a new challenge.

6. You can get a valid qualification

Online courses are not only about stamp-collecting and flower arranging.

Choose the right course, and the qualifications you earn will be recognized by current or future employers.

They can also often be used as a stepping stone to further study.

And, if you have a half-finished qualification you've been meaning to get back to, or years of experience but no piece of paper to prove it, e-learning can help you fix that, too.

7. You can access a range of learning materials

E-learning can involve reading, listening, watching, or hands-on activities.

This is good news if your learning style is not suited to traditional study.

8. You can "test-drive" a course without a commitment

It's easy to find out whether you'd like to learn more about a topic by taking one or two papers to start with.

That means you don't need to quit your job, move cities, and sign up for a three year, on-campus course you might not like.

9. If you don't "get" a concept right away, you can repeat the lesson until you do

No-one's watching you learn, or judging how long it takes for you to make progress.

As long as you keep up with the course schedule, you can review the material as often as you like, without pressure.

This is the closest thing to stress-free learning you'll find.

10. You develop independent thinking and research skills

The ability to think independently, and research and analyse a topic, are invaluable skills. They're just priceless. You'll use them all the time, to enrich both your personal and professional life.

And these are skills you'll learn along the way as you study online.

So what do you think?

Do you feel a little more affection towards online learning now?

When you look at all it can do for you, it's hard *not* to like e-learning at least a little bit!

