

Best Practices & Practical Tips for Designing eLearning in Articulate Rise



Create smoother, more engaging eLearning experiences with these **10 proven strategies**.



Stay Consistent Across Lessons

Use the same basic layout and sections in each lesson within a course. This helps students focus on the content instead of relearning how to navigate every time.



Co-Create a Template with the SME

Collaborate with your subject matter expert to build a shared template. Agree on structure and a centralized place to store content—it saves time and prevents confusion later.



Mix Text with Interactivity

Alternate text with interactive blocks like accordions, flashcards, and click-to-reveal elements. This keeps learners engaged and helps reinforce key concepts.



Keep Lessons Under 45 Minutes

Since learners can't save progress once a Rise lesson is embedded in the LMS, keep each lesson concise and achievable—ideally under 45 minutes.



Use Frequent Knowledge Checks

Incorporate knowledge check blocks throughout the lesson. These low-stakes questions prompt learners to stay active and monitor their own understanding.



Start with Clear Learning Objectives

Begin each lesson with a short list of what learners will be able to do by the end. Clear objectives give purpose and direction—and help shape the rest of your content.



Use Relevant, High-Quality Visuals

Visuals should support the learning, not just decorate the screen. Choose clean, relevant images and icons that help clarify or reinforce the material.



Design with Mobile in Mind

Many learners access Rise lessons on phones or tablets. Keep text brief, use vertical-friendly layouts, and test on multiple devices for a smooth experience.



Guide the Learner's Journey

Use buttons, dividers, and section headers to create a clear flow. Help learners understand where they are and what's next at every step of the lesson.



Invite Feedback and Reflection

Include prompts or open-ended questions at the end to encourage reflection. Link to discussion forums or feedback forms if your platform allows.