



Effective Assessments and Feedback

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Effective assessments and feedback are crucial components of any successful learning experience.

However, designing them can be a challenging task.

From aligning assessments with learning objectives to providing timely feedback, teachers and teaching support staff must constantly evaluate and improve their methods.

So how can you make sure you and your students are getting the most out of assessments and feedback? Take a look at our top tips!



Assessment Design

Aligning assessments with learning objectives and creating clear and specific assessment criteria ensures that assessments measure student learning. Use assessment design as an opportunity to foster a growth mindset in your students.

Educators can help students overcome challenges, improve, and build resilience by focusing assessments on learning and improvement rather than grades. For example, instead of giving grades, where possible, use assessments to give students constructive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses and ways to improve.

The Main Assessment Types



- **Formative:** Monitoring student progress during the learning process, i.e., quizzes or in-class assignments.
- **Summative:** Evaluating learning at the end of a unit or course, i.e., exams or projects.
- **Diagnostic:** Identifying strengths or weaknesses to provide targeted support, i.e., pre-assessments or diagnostic tests.
- **Performance:** Measuring the ability of students to apply their knowledge and skills in real-world situations, i.e., presentations or scenario-based discussions.
- **Portfolio:** Used to collate and evaluate student work over time, i.e., portfolios or self-assessment logs.

Providing Effective Feedback

Effective feedback goes beyond correcting mistakes to help students learn and reach their potential.

To achieve this, provide your students with feedback that is specific, actionable, focused on learning objectives, and tailored to each student.

This includes providing timely feedback to improve their work and encourage self-reflection while the material is still fresh in their minds.





Evaluate and **Improve**

Along with the data from the assessments, you should encourage constructive 360 feedback from your students to help you improve your assessment practices and provide a better learning environment for all of your students.

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