



EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

Matching Assessment Methods to Learning Targets – *Target-Method Match*

Types of Targets to be assessed	Assessment Methods			
	Selected Response	Extended Written Response	Performance Assessment	Personal Communication
Knowledge	Good match – Can assess isolated elements of knowledge and some relationships among them	Strong match – Can assess elements of knowledge and relationships among them	Partial match – Can assess elements of knowledge and relationships among them in certain contexts	Strong match – Can assess elements of knowledge and relationships among them
Reasoning	Good match – Can assess many but not all reasoning targets	Strong match – Can assess all reasoning targets	Partial match – Can assess reasoning targets in the context of certain tasks in certain contents	Strong match – Can assess all reasoning targets
Skills	Partial match – Good match for some measurement skill targets; not a good match otherwise	Poor match – Cannot assess skill level; can only assess prerequisite knowledge and reasoning	Strong match – Can observe and assess skills as they are being performed	Partial match – Strong match for some oral communication proficiencies; not a good match otherwise

Description of Assessment Method

	Selected Response	Extended Written Response	Performance Assessment	Personal Communication
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On demand • Right or wrong answer • Objective • Students respond to specific, narrow prompts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On demand • Students respond to a broad or complex question or prompt • More than several sentences • Requires judgment from the evaluator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culmination of a learning experience • Complex. Addresses multiple learning targets, maybe across outcome areas • Requires judgment from evaluator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional listening and watching students, 1-on-1, in groups • Verbal or written • Interviewing, conferencing with students • Oral exams • Journals, logs
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice • Fill in the blank • Matching • True/false 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short answer • Extended written response items/short essay • Drawn conceptual model • Mathematical solution & explanation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A performance • Completion of a complex product • Term paper • Lab report • Work of art • Playing a musical instrument • Speaking a foreign language • Working productively in a group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions during instruction • Response journal, log • Being interviewed, Conferences • Recording form. exit ticket • Oral exams