## **Understanding Rubrics**

Complete the following activity to understand the key components of a rubric:

A rubric is used to evaluate student performance and provide clear and concise feedback. The key components of a rubric include clear criteria, descriptors, and standards.

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### **Group Task:**

Design a rubric for a writing assignment that includes clear criteria and descriptors for ELL and ESL students.

Criteria	Descriptors	Standards



ELL and ESL Support Strategies
Identify three ELL and ESL support strategies that can be incorporated into a rubric:  1
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Answer Key:  1. Visual aids 2. Graphic organizers 3. Scaffolding techniques
Rubric Reflection
Reflect on the effectiveness of a rubric in assessing student learning and providing feedback:  1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the rubric?
2. How can the rubric be improved to better support ELL and ESL students?  © 2024 Planit Teachers. All rights reserved.
3. What ELL and ESL support strategies can be incorporated into the rubric?

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Case Study
Analyze a case study of a teacher who has successfully implemented rubrics with ELL and ESL students:  A teacher used a rubric to assess student writing assignments and provided feedback that included visual aids and graphic organizers. The teacher also used scaffolding techniques to support ELL and ESL students.  1. What strategies did the teacher use to support ELL and ESL students?
2. How did the teacher incorporate ELL and ESL support strategies into the rubric?
3. What were the outcomes of using the rubric with ELL and ESL students?
Conclusion

Summarize the key points of the worksheet:

Designing effective rubrics with clear criteria and descriptors is crucial for assessing student performance and providing constructive feedback, particularly for diverse learners, including ELL and ESL students. By incorporating ELL and ESL support strategies, such as visual aids, graphic organizers, and scaffolding techniques, educators can create inclusive and supportive learning environments that foster academic success and language development.

## Creating Inclusive Rubrics

To create inclusive rubrics, educators must consider the diverse needs of their students, including ELL and ESL students. This involves using clear and concise language, providing visual aids and graphic organizers, and incorporating scaffolding techniques to support language development. By doing so, educators can ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

### **Example of an Inclusive Rubric**

The following is an example of an inclusive rubric for a writing assignment:

Criteria	Descriptors	Standards
Content	The writing sample demonstrates a clear understanding of the topic, with well-supported arguments and effective use of evidence.	Exceeds expectations, meets expectations, needs improvement
Organization	The writing sample is well-organized, with a clear introduction, body, and conclusion, and effective transitions between paragraphs.	Exceeds expectations, meets expectations, needs improvement

# Using Technology to Support Rubric Development

Technology can be a powerful tool in supporting rubric development, particularly for ELL and ESL students. Digital tools, such as online rubric builders and learning management systems, can help educators create and share rubrics, as well as provide students with access to rubrics and feedback.

## Case Study: Using Technology to Support Rubric Development

A teacher used an online rubric builder to create a rubric for a writing assignment. The teacher shared the rubric with students through the learning management system, and provided feedback using the system's built-in commenting tools. The students were able to access the rubric and feedback at any time, and the teacher was able to track student progress and adjust instruction accordingly.

## Assessing Student Learning with Rubrics

Rubrics can be used to assess student learning in a variety of ways, including formative, summative, and diagnostic assessments. By using rubrics, educators can provide students with clear expectations and feedback, and can track student progress over time.

## Example of a Formative Assessment Rubric

The following is an example of a formative assessment rubric for a math assignment:

Criteria	Descriptors	Standards
Problem- Solving	The student demonstrates a clear understanding of the math concept, with accurate calculations and effective problem-solving strategies.	Exceeds expectations, meets expectations, needs improvement
Communication	The student clearly and effectively communicates their math thinking, using appropriate vocabulary and notation.	Exceeds expectations, meets expectations, needs improvement

# **Using Rubrics to Support Differentiated Instruction**

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Rubrics can be used to support differentiated instruction by providing teachers with a framework for assessing student learning and adjusting instruction to meet the diverse needs of their students. By using rubrics, teachers can identify areas where students need additional support or challenge, and can provide targeted instruction to meet those needs.

# Case Study: Using Rubrics to Support Differentiated Instruction

A teacher used a rubric to assess student learning in a reading assignment. The teacher identified areas where students needed additional support, and provided targeted instruction to meet those needs. The teacher also identified areas where students were excelling, and provided additional challenges to support their continued growth.

## Rubric Development and Implementation

Developing and implementing effective rubrics requires careful planning and consideration. Teachers must consider the learning objectives, the needs of their students, and the criteria and standards for the assignment. By taking the time to develop and

implement effective rubrics, teachers can provide students with clear expectations and feedback, and can support student learning and achievement.

### Example of a Rubric Development Process

The following is an example of a rubric development process:

- 1. Identify the learning objectives and outcomes for the assignment
- 2. Determine the criteria and standards for the assignment
- 3. Develop a draft of the rubric, including the criteria, descriptors, and standards
- 4. Review and revise the rubric, based on feedback from colleagues and students
- 5. Implement the rubric, and provide students with clear expectations and feedback

### Conclusion

In conclusion, rubrics are a powerful tool for assessing student learning and providing feedback. By using rubrics, teachers can provide students with clear expectations and feedback, and can support student learning and achievement. By considering the diverse needs of their students, including ELL and ESL students, teachers can create inclusive and supportive learning environments that foster academic success and language development.

#### Reflection

Take a moment to reflect on what you have learned about rubrics and their use in assessing student learning. Consider how you can apply this knowledge in your own teaching practice, and how you can use rubrics to support the diverse needs of your students.



Introduction to Rubrics
Read the following introduction and answer the questions that follow:
Designing effective rubrics is crucial for assessing student performance and providing constructive feedback, particularly for diverse learners, including English Language Learners (ELL) and English as a Second Language (ESL) students. This worksheet aims to provide educators with the skills and knowledge necessary to create comprehensive and inclusive rubrics that cater to the unique needs of ELL and ESL students.
1. What is the purpose of a rubric in assessment and feedback?
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2. What are the key components of a rubric?
3. How can rubrics be used to support ELL and ESL students?

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