



Self and Peer Assessment

Self Assessment

Self Assessment is an assessment which allows students to assess their own performance. It can be extremely valuable in helping students to develop self-reflection, critique and judgment and ultimately, students learn how to be responsible for their own learning. Self assessments are more often used as part of a formative assessment process, rather than a summative one.

Advantages of Self Assessment

- Encourages students to critically reflect their own learning progress and performance
- Encourages students to be more responsible for their own learning
- Helps students develop their judgmental skills
- There is no peer pressure when students evaluate themselves
- Helps students become autonomous learners
- Helps students be more aware of their weakness and strength

Disadvantages of Self Assessment

- Self assessment can be subjective because students may not be sincere and may even over-evaluate their own performance
- Time consuming for students
- Students may not be familiar with the assessment criteria

Peer Assessment

Peer Assessment is an assessment which allows students to assess each other's performance. It can be extremely valuable in helping students to learn from each other by listening, analyzing and problem solving. It gives the students the opportunity to encounter diversity in different ways, critique and judgment and ultimately, students learn how to be responsible for their own learning.

Advantages of Peer Assessment

- Encourages students to critically reflect each others' work
- Encourages students to be involved in the assessment process
- Helps students develop their judgmental skills when they assess the work of other group members
- More feedback can be generated by students compared to one or two teachers



- Reduces the time and workload of marking for teachers
- Discourages the problem of 'free rider' because students tend to put extra effort to perform better in front of their peers
- Maintains the fairness of assessment because everyone has the chance to assess each other
- Students learn how to criticize, evaluate and apply other generic skills during the process
- Students learn more from each others' work

Disadvantages of Peer Assessment

- Peer pressure and friendship can influence the reliability of grades given by students
- Students may have a tendency to give everyone the same mark (for example, there may be collusion in return for good grades)
- Students are not experienced in assessing each other
- Students may cheat in collaboration for group assignments
- Fairness may not be maintained because extroverted students can be usually be marked higher and quieter students got marked down

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