

UNIT (1): BASIC ASSESSMENT CONCEPTS

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2. Formative vs. Summative Assessment

Formative Assessment: is the type of assessment given before and during a course of study to keep track of how students are developing their skills, and how teaching techniques are efficient.

Formative Assessment is assessing for the sake of learning. It is used to promote both teaching and learning, in other words it helps **both teachers and students**

What are the benefits of using formative assessment?

1. Teachers can adjust instruction and teaching style
2. Students can adjust and improve their learning
3. Provide the students with descriptive feedback
4. Students' parents can check on their development

Summative Assessment: is the type of assessment given at the end of a course of study to measure the sum total of the material covered.

What are the benefits of using formative assessment?

To determine whether or not students have met the course goals or learning outcomes.

3. Direct vs. Indirect Assessment

What are the language skills that can be assessed directly?

Speaking + Writing

What are the language skills that can be assessed indirectly?

Listening + Reading

What are the characteristics of indirect testing?

1. Easily administered
2. Easily scored
3. Have a high degree of reliability