

## Formative assessment in the classroom

### About this Illustration of Practice

A teaching team demonstrates how they use formative assessment with students in the classroom to make adjustments and respond to student learning and understanding. The teachers use informal and formal assessment practices with a range of strategies for students and teachers to communicate understanding.

Teachers combine a range of assessment methods to assess student learning and ensure multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate understanding.



### Standards

#### Standard 5

#### Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning

#### Focus area 5.1

#### Assess student learning

Proficient

**Descriptor:** Develop, select and use informal and formal, diagnostic, formative and summative assessment strategies to assess student learning.

#### Other descriptors

#### Standard 4

#### Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments

#### Focus area 4.1

#### Support student participation

Proficient

**Descriptor:** Establish and implement inclusive and positive interactions to engage and support all students in classroom activities.

### Discussion questions

1. What is formative assessment?
2. What does formative assessment look like as part of literacy and numeracy lessons in Kindergarten?

### Learning context

The Kindergarten class is in a large government school (1600 students) in a metropolitan area of Canberra. In the two classes there are 24 girls and 19 boys. At the school, twenty-seven percent of students have a language background other than English and there is a 93 percent attendance rate overall. The classes have been working on recount writing and addition. The learning intentions are 'I can recount events and sequence them in the correct order' and 'I can add two numbers to make 10.'

### School context

Amaroo School

Australian Capital Territory

**Year level:** Foundation

**Stage of schooling:** K-10

**School type:** Government

**School location:** Metropolitan

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