



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Formative vs. Summative Assessments

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Formative vs. Summative Assessments | Assessment Principles | assessment

- 01 Formative assessment supports decisions during learning.
- 02 Summative assessment judges achievement after a substantial learning period.
- 03 Purpose and use determine the category more reliably than the format of the task.
- 04 Formative evidence should lead to an identifiable next action.
- 05 Summative tasks should represent the course outcomes and expected level of performance.
- 06 A balanced design gives learners time to use feedback before an endpoint judgment.