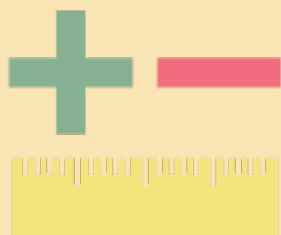


INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES



Examples and Non-Examples

This strategy has students explore what they know about a topic or concept by generating examples of what it is and what it is not.

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EXAMPLES AND NON-EXAMPLES

Summary

A concept or term is provided for students who generate examples of what the concept or term is and examples of what the concept or term is not (non-examples). This strategy is ideal for mathematics or the sciences as it gives students a chance to explore various applications of laws, theorems, and postulates so they will be easier to recognize in the future.

Procedure

1. Identify a concept or term for assessment.
2. Ask students to provide examples of what the concept or term is and examples of what the concept or term is not (non-examples).
3. Allow students time and space to clearly describe the rule or definition they used to create the examples and non-examples.

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