

Assessment & Evaluation?

Sorry, but I'm too busy teaching...

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Focusing factors at work...



- ▶ **CLB renewal**
- ▶ **Government priorities**



Government Priority

- ▶ **CLB Milestone Test**
- ▶ **Portfolio Based Language Assessment (PBLA)**

Discussion 1

▶ **Assessment is** _____

Assessment is...

- ▶ **a systematic approach to collecting information on student learning and performance based on various sources of evidence to inform teaching and help students learn more.**

Purposes of Assessment

- ▶ **Diagnostic (Placement/Needs)**
- ▶ **Formative**
- ▶ **Summative**

My Quest...

- ▶ **An approach to assessment that would...**
- ▶ **fulfill diagnostic, formative and summative assessment purposes**
- ▶ **reflect CLB principles**
- ▶ **promote learning**
- ▶ **build on and enhance teacher expertise**



Advantages of TBA

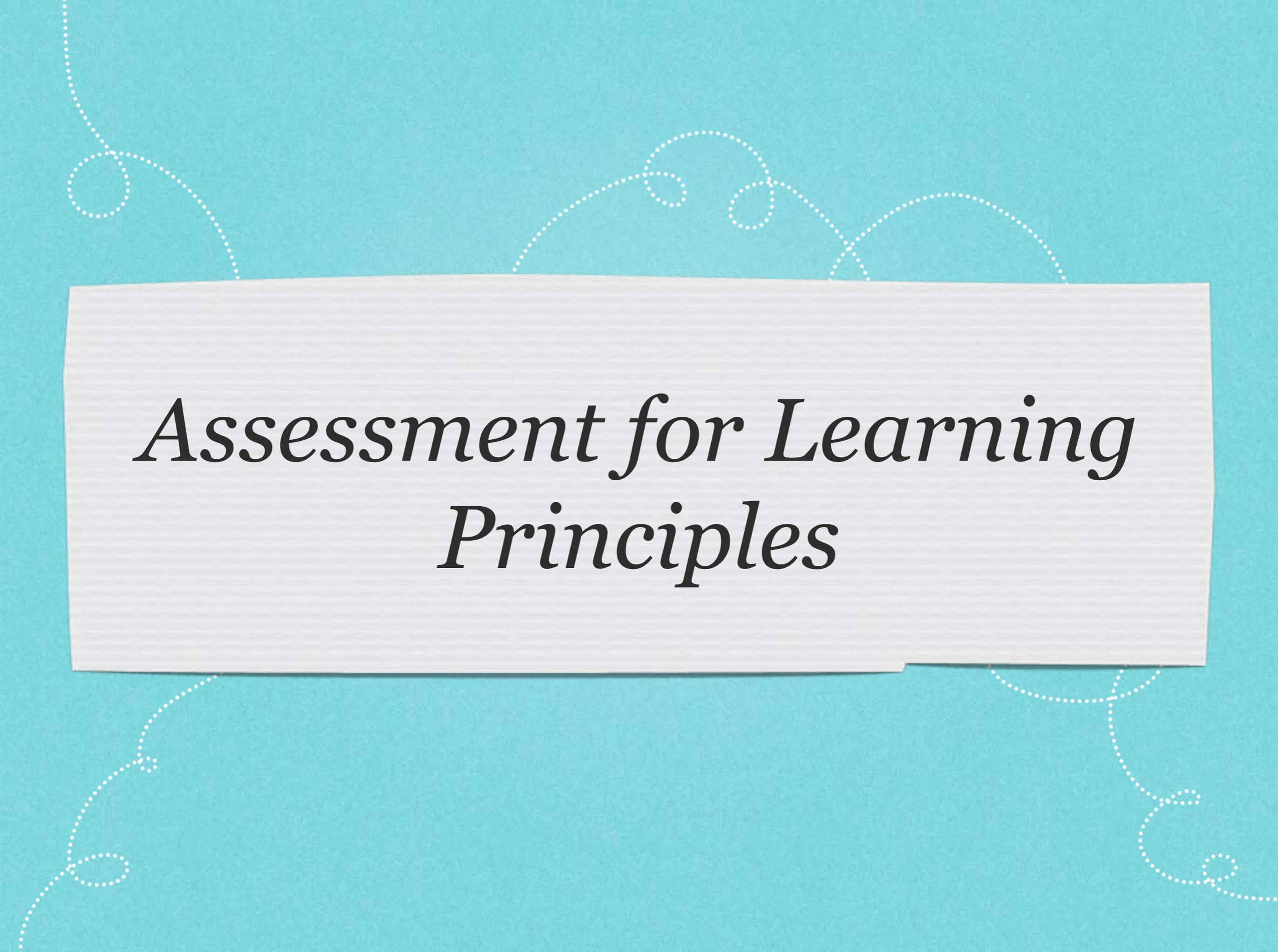
- ▶ **scope**
- ▶ **reduces cheating**
- ▶ **validity**
- ▶ **reliability**
- ▶ **fairness**
- ▶ **feedback**
- ▶ **positive washback**
- ▶ **empowers Ts & Ss**
- ▶ **expertise**
- ▶ **cost-effective**

TBA is valid & reliable when...

- ▶ **clear standards**
- ▶ **assessment tasks/criteria**
- ▶ **clear goals**
- ▶ **adequate resources**
- ▶ **opportunity for moderation**
- ▶ **positive 'assessment culture'**

Questions...

- ▶ **Does assessment improve student learning?**
- ▶ **If it does, are there assessment practices that are effective?**



*Assessment for Learning
Principles*

- ▶ **part of effective planning**
- ▶ **focus on how Ss learn**
- ▶ **central to classroom practice**
- ▶ **key professional skill**
- ▶ **sensitive & constructive**

- ▶ **motivating**
- ▶ **learning goals & criteria**
- ▶ **guidance on how to improve**
- ▶ **facilitate self-assessment**
- ▶ **recognizes all learning achievement**

Discussion 2

- ▶ **Select one or two of the assessment for learning principles that stand out for you (*see handout*) and talk about why they stand out and what they mean for your teaching.**

Assessment that is explicitly designed to promote learning is the single most powerful tool we have for both raising standards and empowering lifelong learners