

Peer And Self Assessment

Education

What pupils can judge reliably, what they cannot, and how to set it up.

Judging work well requires the knowledge the work is testing.

Works reasonably well

Checking against a concrete, specific criterion

Spotting missing steps in a procedure

Comparing work to a strong exemplar

Marking objective answers with a key

Identifying where they got stuck

Works badly

Awarding a grade or level

Judging quality of argument without training

Vague prompts such as two stars and a wish

Self-assessment used as a substitute for teaching

Assessing a peer they are in conflict with

Weak self-assessment is not a character flaw. Judging your own work requires the standard you are still learning, which is the whole difficulty.