

Validity

Education

Whether a test measures what it claims, and supports your inference.

Validity belongs to the interpretation, not to the paper.

Type	The question it asks
Construct	Does it measure the intended trait?
Content	Does it sample the domain fairly?
Criterion	Does it predict a relevant outcome?
Face	Does it look appropriate?
Consequential	Are the effects of its use acceptable?

Educational reference. Face validity is the weakest form and the most persuasive to non-specialists. Construct validity does the real work.