

Progression Models

Education

What getting better at a subject looks like, beyond just harder tasks.

Building one, for a single strand of a subject.

1

Name the strand

One thread that runs across years, such as causal explanation.

2

Describe the novice

What a beginner's version of this genuinely looks like.

3

Describe the expert

What the mature version looks like in this subject.

4

Find the middle stages

Two or three recognisable steps between them, with examples.

5

Anchor with real work

Attach actual pupil work to each stage, not adjectives.

Adjective ladders such as basic, good, excellent describe quality but not progression. Real progression names what changes.