

Judging A Resource

Education

A short test for a textbook or worksheet before it reaches thirty pupils.

Check these in order. Most resources fail on the first three.

Content

Is it accurate, including the simplifications?

Does it teach the concept or just practise it?

Are worked examples complete and correct?

Does difficulty rise or jump?

Is the vocabulary defined where first used?

Design

Are labels on the diagram, not in a key?

Is decorative imagery kept out of explanations?

Is there enough practice for fluency?

Can a pupil read it without the teacher?

Is anything on the page unnecessary?

A pretty resource with split attention between text and diagram costs working memory that the concept needed.