

# Designing Adaptable Classroom Assessments

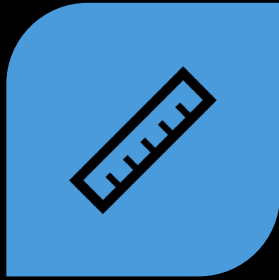
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# Outcomes

- Identify confounding variables of fixed assessments
- Identify examples of adaptable assessments
- Design assessments that are adaptable, accurate, and authentic

# Assessment as



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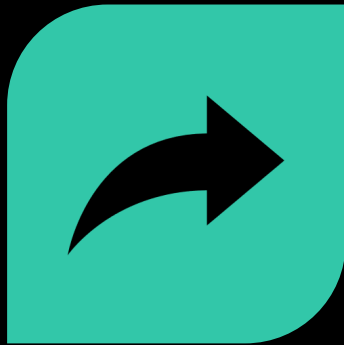


Learning Tool



Collaboration  
Tool


# Assessment that are



Adaptable



Accurate



# Learning Outcome: Define and Group Terms

Peptide Bond

Lactose

Cholesterol

Wax

Polysaccharide

Nucleotide

Cellulose

Nitrogenous base

Monosaccharide

Triglyceride

Glucose

Amino acid

Disaccharide

Fatty Acid

Deoxyribose

Chitin

Phospholipid

Ribose

Lipid

Protein



# Testing: Confounding Variables

1. Which relationship is different?

A. Monosaccharide / Polysaccharide

B. Monosaccharide / Disaccharide

C. Phospholipid / Lipid

D. Amino Acid / Protein

# The alternative

- Clearly identify the learning outcome
- Let students select the strategy for demonstrating knowledge
- Provide a clear and detailed rubric

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**Disaccharide:** double sugar, two monosaccharide's connected.

**Glycogen:** starch in plants

**Chitin:** Polysaccharide N- acetylglucosamine

**Starch:** Plant product formed together by bonding together thousand of glucose.

**Cellulose:** produced by plants, it's a polysaccharide of glucose.

**Glucose:** the most abundant monosaccharide in nature. It is the sugar molecule the body uses to create energy, and it is the fuel used by brain cells.



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Cell essentials	Cellulose, protein, cholesterol, chitin
Fats	fatty acids, glycerol, lipids, phospholipid, steroid, triglyceride, waxes
Storage	Carbohydrates, glycogen, starch
Reactions	Amino acids, Enzymes,
Chemical Identification	Peptide bond, saturated, unsaturated

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- Cytoskeleton
- Cytosol
- DNA
- Golgi apparatus
- Mitochondrion
- Nucleus
- Plasma membrane
- Ribosomes
- Rough endoplasmic reticulum
- Smooth endoplasmic reticulum
- Vesicle

- Photosynthesis
- Protein synthesis
- cellular respiration and ATP production
- control calcium release and muscle contractions, and breakdown toxins in liver
- digestive function in plant cells
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### Fatty Acid

A carboxylic acid consisting of a hydrocarbon chain and a terminal carboxyl group, especially any of those occurring as esters in fats and oils.

### Glycogen

A substance deposited in bodily tissues as a store of carbohydrates. It is a polysaccharide that forms glucose and on hydrolysis.

### Guanine

A compound that occurs in guano and fish scales, and is one of four constituent bases of nucleic acids.

### Glycerol

A colorless, sweet, viscous liquid formed as a byproduct in soap manufacture. It is used as an emollient and laxative, and for making explosives and antifreeze.

### Lipid

Class of nonpolar organic compounds built from hydrocarbons and distinguished by the fact that they are not soluble in water.

### Glucose

A simple sugar that is an important energy source in living organisms and is a component of many carbohydrates.

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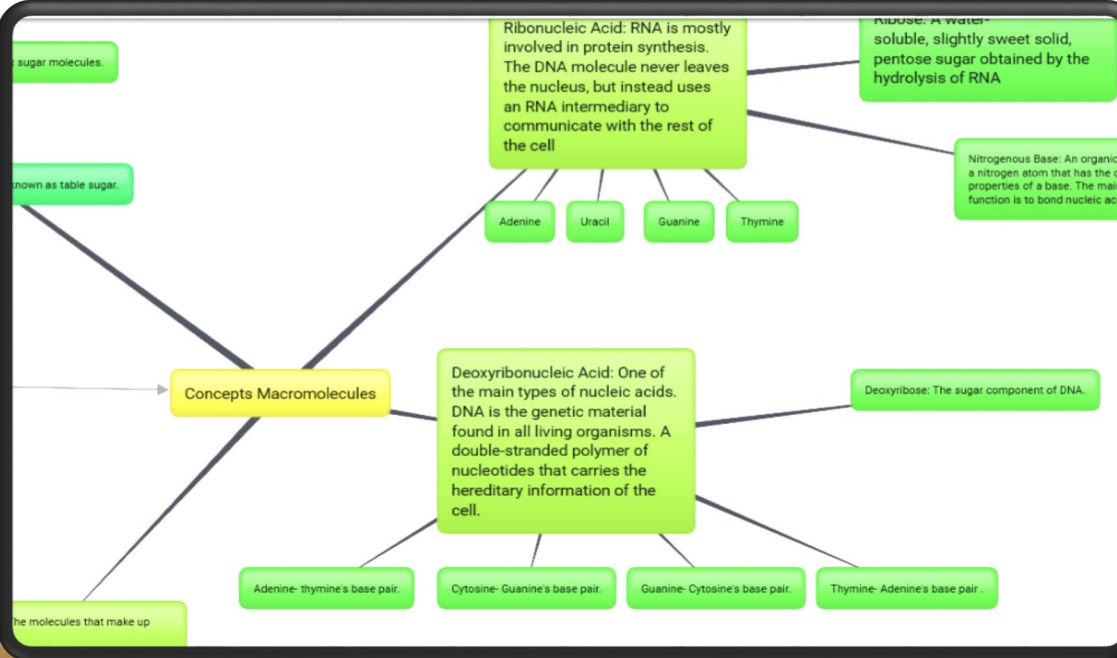
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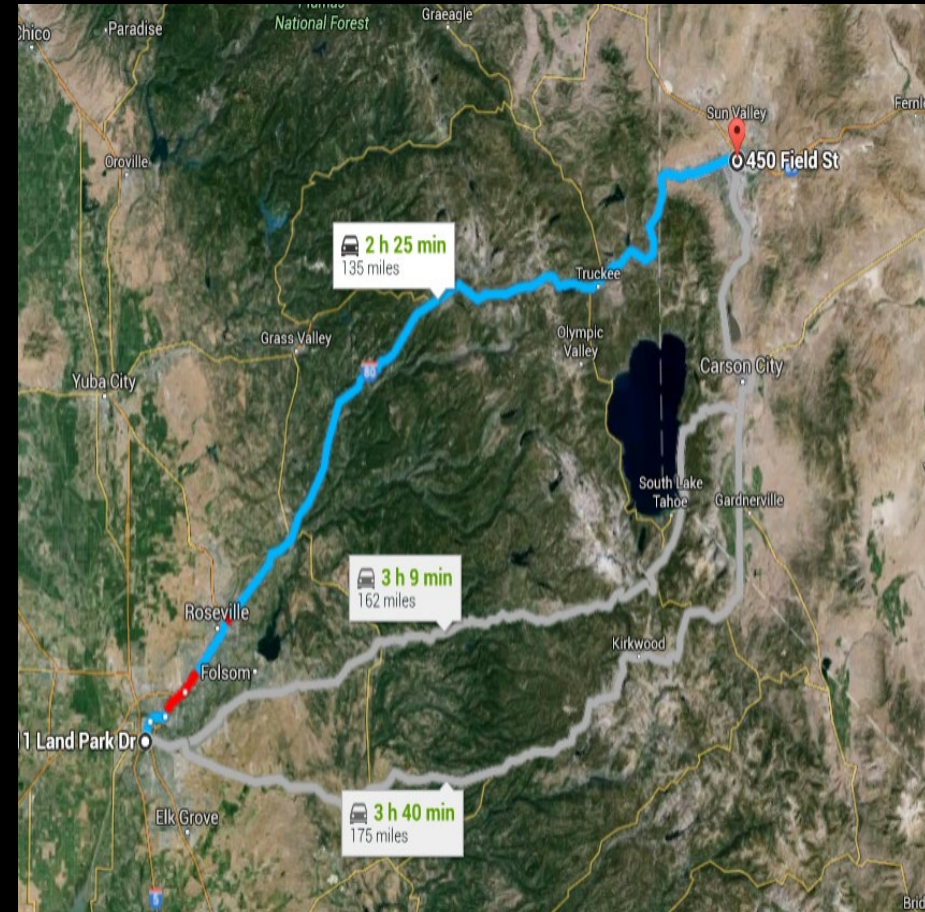
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## Constant

- Content
- Rigor

## Choices

- Learning Resources
- Assignments



# Benefits

- Assessing SLO directly - single variable
- Students learning - focused on content rather than form
- Universal Design for Learning

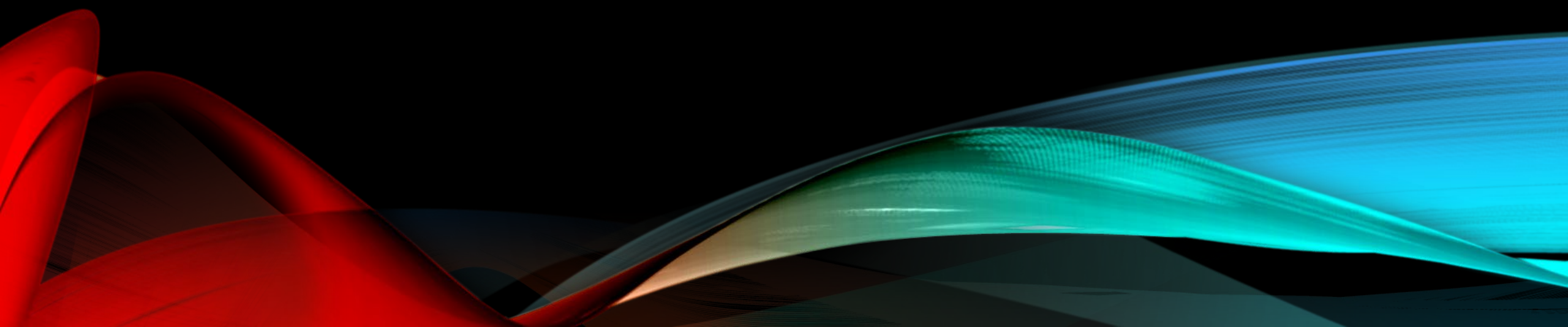


# Considerations

- Scaffold learning by providing examples in early assignments
- Provide a detailed rubric
  - Students know exactly what to do
  - Makes grading easier

# Learning Outcome: Explain a Process

Explain how your nervous system allows to you see a pen on the table and pick it up. Include: sensory neuron, interneuron, brain, motor neuron, skeletal muscle, electrical message, chemical message, synapse, axon, dendrite, sodium channels, potassium channels, the Na/K pump, and ATP.



# Essays: Confounding Variables

**Write an essay explaining** how your nervous system allows to you see a pen on the table and pick it up. Include: sensory neuron, interneuron, brain, motor neuron, skeletal muscle, electrical message, chemical message, synapse, axon, dendrite, sodium channels, potassium channels, the Na/K pump, and ATP.

# Considerations

- Accurately assess synthesis
- Writing is an important skill
  - Multiple content reviews
- Peer review
  - Provide training

# Assessment Options

- Case studies
- Multi-media
- Porfolios
- Online collaborations
  - Annotations
  - Study Resources

# More Assessment Types



Renewable  
Assignments



Disposable  
Assignments



# Frameworks and Resources

- [Assessment Worksheet](#)
- [TILT](#) – Transparency in Learning and Teaching
- [UDL](#) – Universal Design for Learning
- [Understanding by Design](#)
- [Culturally Responsive Assessment](#)



Thank you!

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