

















































































































Assessment Item 1. Why is alignment critical to a well-designed assessment? What might happen if an assessment item is not aligned in terms of content? AUCHMONT

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING



Answer

 Why is alignment critical to a well-designed assessment? What might happen if an assessment item is not aligned in terms of content?

Alignment is critical to a well-designed assessment because it ensures that an assessment measures what teachers intend it to measure. If the content in an assessment is different from the content in the standards and skills a teacher intends to measure, she may unintentionally measure her students' ability to do something else. For example, if a teacher were to write an assessment item to measure her students' ability to add fractions, she could unintentionally measure her students' advanced reading ability if she uses vocabulary that is well above grade level.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING



Assessment I tem

Consider whether the assessment item is aligned with the content in this writing standard from Hawaii: Create an organizational structure that lists reasons and provide reasons that support the opinion.

Here is the item:

Read the paragraph and complete the task that follows it.

Children should choose their own bedtime. There are things to do, and most have homework. Some people need more sleep, but children like talking to friends. The time to go to bed should be children's decision when they are tired they go to bed earlier. There are activities to go to, so children learn to be responsible.

Rewrite the paragraph by organizing it correctly and adding ideas that support the opinion that is given.

Source: Hawaii Department of Education. "Language Arts Grade 3 Common Core Standards.

Assessment Item 2. Consider whether the assessment item is aligned with the content in this writing standard from Hawali: Create an organizational structure that lists reasons and provide reasons that support the opinion. Here is the item: Read the paragraph and complete the task that follows it. Children should choose their own bedtime. There are things to do, and most have homework. Some people need more sleep, but children like talking to friends. The time to go to bed should be children's decision when they are tired they go to bed earlier. There are activities to go to, so children learn to be responsible. Rewrite the paragraph by organizing it correctly and adding ideas that support the opinion that is given.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING



Answer

2. Rewrite the paragraph by organizing it correctly and adding ideas that support the opinion that is given.

The standard includes two skills: The item is well aligned to the standard. The standard includes two skills: Create an organizational structure that lists reasons and provide reasons that support the opinion. The item asks students to reorganize the paragraph, which measures mastery of the first skill. It also asks students to add ideas that support the opinion that is given, which measures mastery of the second skill.

ALIGNMEN ASSESSMENT DESIGN Incomp I