

# CHECKLIST FOR CREATING OR SELECTING TASKS THAT ASSESS MASTERY

## All Items

- Is this the most appropriate type of item to use for the intended learning outcomes?
- Does each item or task require students to demonstrate the performance described in the specific learning outcome it measures (relevance)?
- Does each item present a clear and definite task to be performed (clarity)?
- Is each item or task presented in simple, readable language and free from excessive verbiage (conciseness)?
- Does each item provide an appropriate challenge (ideal difficulty)?
- Does each item have an answer that would be agreed upon by experts (correctness)?
- Is there a clear basis for awarding partial credit on items or tasks with multiple points (scoring rubric)?
- Is each item or task free from technical errors and irrelevant clues (technical soundness)?
- Is each test item free from cultural bias?
- Have the items been set aside for a time before reviewing them (or being reviewed by a colleague)?

## Performance Items

- Does the item focus on learning outcomes that require complex cognitive skills and student performances?
- Does the task represent both the content, skills, processes, and practices that are central to learning outcomes?
- Does the item minimize dependence on skills that are irrelevant to the intended purpose of the assessment task?
- Does the task provide the necessary scaffolding for students to be able to understand the task and achieve the task?
- Do the directions clearly describe the task?
- Are students aware of the basis (expectations) on which their performances will be evaluated in terms of scoring rubrics?

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