

Pre-Assessment Strategies

**"Assessment is today's means of modifying tomorrow's instruction."
Carole Tomlinson**

Pre-assessment: a way to determine what students know about a topic before it is taught. It should be used regularly in all curricular areas

- To make instructional decisions about student strengths and needs
- To determine flexible grouping patterns
- To determine which students are ready for advance instruction

Examples Of Pre-assessment Strategies:

1. Anticipation journals
2. Concept Maps
3. DRA/Running Records
4. Drawing related to topic or content
5. Entrance or Exit cards
6. Game activities
7. Guess Box
8. Informational surveys/Questionnaires/Inventories
9. Initiating activities
10. Interest survey
11. KWL charts and other graphic organizers
12. Open-ended Questioning
13. Picture Interpretation
14. Portfolio analysis
15. Prediction
16. Self-evaluations
17. Standardized test information
18. Student demonstrations and discussions
19. Student interviews
20. Student products and work samples
21. Table Top discussions
22. Teacher observation/checklists
23. Teacher prepared pretests
24. Traditional tests
25. Writing prompts/samples or any Pre-writing activity