

Anticipation Guide

An anticipation guide is a list of comments or questions that students identify where their understanding is on a rating scale for each stem. This is handed in so that the teacher can analyze and know where students are at and adjust instruction accordingly.

For example:

Anticipation Guide: Comprehension Strategies

Reflect on your current knowledge using the scale:

Excellent (am confident) ☆
 Good (know somewhat) ✓
 OK (just beginning) ✕
 Brutal (no explanation needed) ○

	Before Learning	After Learning
Activating and Connecting Prior Knowledge		
I have a good understanding of what this strategy is.		
I know a number of tactics that teach my students to activate and connect prior knowledge to new knowledge within my classroom.		
Determining Importance		
I have a good understanding of what this strategy is.		
I know a number of tactics that teach my students to determine what is important in new information within my classroom.		
Visualizing		
I have a good understanding of what this strategy is.		
I know a number of tactics that teach my students to visualize within my classroom.		
Summarizing and Synthesizing		
I have a good understanding of what this strategy is.		
I know a number of tactics that teach my students to summarize and synthesize new knowledge within my classroom.		
Inferring		
I have a good understanding of what this strategy is.		
I know a number of tactics that teach my students to infer within my classroom.		
Asking Questions		
I have a good understanding of what this strategy is.		
I know a number of tactics that teach my students to ask questions within my classroom.		
Monitoring Comprehension		
I have a good understanding of what this strategy is.		
I know a number of tactics that teach my students to monitor their comprehension within my classroom.		

Another example of an anticipation guide is to ask True/False questions or Yes/No questions to determine understanding.

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Similar and Congruent	
Name _____	Date _____
Read the following statements, then for each, circle whether you <i>agree</i> or <i>disagree</i> .	
1. Two polygons can be <i>similar</i> , even if they aren't exactly the same size.	
AGREE	or DISAGREE
2. <i>Congruent</i> polygons aren't always the same shape.	
AGREE	or DISAGREE
3. All right angles are <i>congruent</i> .	
AGREE	or DISAGREE
4. We can use <i>ratios</i> to figure out if two figures are <i>similar</i> .	
AGREE	or DISAGREE
5. All squares are <i>congruent</i> .	
AGREE	or DISAGREE

Figure from <http://lindseycain.wordpress.com/introducing-concepts/anticipation-guide/>