Module 5: Interpreting Evidence of Student Learning

Through this module, participants will learn about strategies for interpreting student evidence with a focus on engaging students in the interpretation and analysis of their own evidence. Participants will learn about using student learning evidence to guide the formative assessment process and identifying patterns in student responses that can inform teacher and student learning.

Module 5 is offered as four different presentations, each focused on a specific subject area: mathematics, reading and writing, science, and social studies. The content across all four presentations is parallel but designed to focus on specific disciplinary context. This facilitator guide is focused on mathematics.

This module includes materials for:

- An approximately one-hour professional learning session, including a PowerPoint presentation and this Facilitator Guide.
- An approximately one-hour teacher collaboration activity session, including a PowerPoint presentation and a Teacher Collaboration Facilitator Guide.

Module Learning Goals:

Participants will understand:

- The role of evidence of student learning in monitoring and supporting student progress toward Learning Goals and Success Criteria
- Strategies to engage students in interpreting their own progress toward Learning Goals and Success Criteria
- Strategies to interpret evidence of student learning to inform teaching and learning within specific disciplines
**Module Success Criteria:**

Participants will be able to:

- Plan to interpret evidence of student learning throughout a lesson
- Develop specific strategies to engage students in interpreting their own progress toward Learning Goals and Success Criteria

**Role of the Facilitator:**

The facilitator’s role in this module is to 1) facilitate the professional learning module and 2) facilitate the teacher collaboration activity. Guidance for facilitating the teacher collaboration activity can be found in the Teacher Collaboration Activity Facilitator Guide.

- All materials have been prepared for facilitators and further details are available in this document.
- In order to get the most out of this module, participants are encouraged to have gone through previous assessment modules in this series, with an emphasis on Modules 2, 3, and 4.
- Facilitators should review all materials and make adjustments based on timing, group size, local priorities, local norms, presentation format (in-person or digital learning environments) and facilitator’s personal presentation style.
- Facilitator notes (available here and as slide notes for each slide) provide flexible options for content delivery, and activities are designed to support facilitator decisions.
- The facilitator for this module does not have to be an expert on formative assessment or mathematics. While this facilitator guide is intended to provide the background knowledge and scaffolding necessary for facilitators to lead the sessions in this module, the priority for facilitators should be supporting participant sense-making. Therefore, facilitators should not feel pressure to be seen as “experts” on formative assessment or the subject area focus.
- While planning, consider specific connections that would be relevant to your participants. This may be connections to resources, practices or specific standards.
Part I: Meaningful Evidence of Student Learning

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What you will need:

- Module 5: PowerPoint presentation
- Classroom Practice Video Observation Guide (available at the end of this guide)

Facilitator preparation:

- Preview the slides and read the slide notes carefully
- Preview the teacher practice video and decide whether to play the whole video or a specific section: https://youtu.be/37CTCDTesWA
Section 1: Introduction

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At the end of this learning sequence (including this module and the teacher collaboration activity), you should be able to:  
- Plan to interpret evidence of student learning throughout a lesson  
- Develop specific strategies to engage students in interpreting their own progress toward Learning Goals and Success Criteria  
Facilitators may want to note that the terms *classroom* and *classroom setting* are used throughout this presentation and can refer to both physical classrooms and distance learning environments. Additionally, the term *lesson* is used to refer to a coherent set of learning opportunities focused on the same content and goals. It may refer to the learning plan for a single class period or could reflect a learning plan that covers several days. |
|        | ![Success Criteria](image) |
### Section 2: Formative Assessment Process

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| 6       | **Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.**

This definition of formative assessment comes from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

If participants engaged in Modules 2, 3 and 4, facilitators may want to acknowledge that they have seen this definition in that module.

Ask participants to read and reflect on this definition.

**Next, facilitate a brief discussion in which participants consider this definition in the context of the role that interpretation of evidence of student learning plays in the formative assessment process.**

Consider using some of the following questions to support the discussion.                                                                 | ![Slide Image](image2) |
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<td>For more information on this definition, including the reasoning behind it, refer to this document: <a href="https://ccsso.org/resource-library/revising-definition-formative-assessment">https://ccsso.org/resource-library/revising-definition-formative-assessment</a></td>
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In order to get the most out of this module, participants are encouraged to have gone through the previous assessment modules in the series, specifically Modules 2, 3 and 4.  
As we discussed previously, self-directed learners need to understand what they are learning and how to get there. Learning Goals and Success Criteria work in tandem to help students understand where they are going with their learning so they can actively manage their own learning. If a lesson is a journey that students and teachers take together, Learning Goals represent to students the destination of their journey, signaling clearly what they are learning and why it is important.  
Success Criteria demonstrate to students what it looks like to be successful in achieving the Learning Goals. Success Criteria represent the checkpoints along the route, giving students specific information to understand their progress and make adjustments to move their learning forward.  
Learning Goals and Success Criteria are essential tools for students to understand where they are in their learning so that they can become self-directed learners. Learning Goals and Success Criteria are essential to interpreting evidence because they provide a clear guide to intended learning.  
For more information on Learning Goals and Success Criteria, see Module 3 in this series. | ![Mapping Student Learning](Image) |
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<td><strong>Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.</strong>&lt;br&gt;This graphic represents the formative assessment process. You may remember it from past modules. You’ll notice that this graphic identifies the specific practices that make up the formative assessment cycle and that these practices are grouped to aligned to the three critical questions.&lt;br&gt;In this module, Interpreting Evidence of Student Learning, we will focus on the second question, “Where am I now?”&lt;br&gt;Once a shared answer to the question, “Where am I going?” has been established by clarifying and sharing Learning Goals and Success Criteria, students and teachers need to understand their current status so that they can make decisions to move learning forward.&lt;br&gt;This starts with eliciting meaningful evidence and then interpreting that evidence in order to inform next steps.</td>
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<td><strong>Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.</strong>&lt;br&gt;As discussed in Module 4, evidence of student learning is central to inform student and teacher decisions about next steps to move students toward their Learning Goals. A critical element of lesson planning is integrating strategies to gather evidence of student learning during the learning and then having the requisite tools and strategies at your fingertips to interpret the evidence.</td>
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## Section 3: Evidence-Based Interpretation

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Our main focus in this module is on interpreting meaningful evidence elicited from student learning that can support students and teachers to move their learning forward. | ![Evidence-Based Interpretation](image1.png) |
| 11      | **Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.**  
- Evidence is student learning that can be observed, and it is understood in relation to the specific Learning Goals that students are working toward.  
- Evidence-based interpretation in the formative assessment process is the ability to use evidence to guide learning while learning is occurring.  
- Interpreting evidence isn’t something only engaged in by teachers. Interpreting evidence of their own learning is an essential skill for students to become self-directed learners. | ![What is Evidence-Based Interpretation? (1)](image2.png) |
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| 12     | **Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.**  
  - Interpreting evidence requires students and teachers to pay close attention not simply to the specific artifacts that students produce, but what they tell us about the development of student learning.  
  - The interpretation of evidence is not a single event but is instead part of a continuous and ongoing process engaged in by students and teachers throughout the course of instruction. | ![What is Evidence-Based Interpretation? (2)](slide12.png) |
| 13     | **Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.**  
  - To interpret evidence in ways that can inform next steps in both teaching and learning, teachers need a strong understanding of the disciplinary and cognitive path toward the Learning Goals. Teachers must have clarity on what comes next in learning and clearly communicate that information to students in order to guide students forward in their learning.  
  - Interpreting evidence of student learning in the formative assessment process requires an understanding that goes beyond “got it” or “didn’t get it” and provides a more nuanced understanding of students’ learning in order to support decisions about next steps in learning. For example, there is a difference between understanding where a student is in their learning progression, and whether an assignment has been completed or not. Noting that an assignment is | ![What is Evidence-Based Interpretation? (3)](slide13.png) |
complete or incomplete does not provide any actionable evidence that can be used to move learning forward.

14 | Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.

- The Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) provide specific information about the vertical alignment of the standards that could be a helpful resource in planning to identify students’ prior content knowledge. In mathematics, each standard (K–8) presents Coherence in the clarifications section, providing links to the matching standard from the preceding and following grade. Additionally, teachers can use the Breaking Down a Standard Protocol to help deepen their understanding of the specific standards.

- The Clarifications and Coherence section of the Getting to Know the KAS for Mathematics (Section 1E) provides a focused investigation of the connections within and across grade level to develop teachers’ understandings of how the Clarifications communicate expectations of the standards more clearly and concisely. The module in its entirety can be found at this website linked above.
### Section 4: Engaging Students with Evidence of Learning

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<td>Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information. When students are engaged in interpreting the evidence of learning they produce, they can develop the skills of metacognition—thinking about their thinking—and self-regulation. Self-regulated learners monitor their learning, compare it to specific criteria (e.g., Learning Goals and Success Criteria) and then make adaptations to their learning strategies as they see fit. Student engagement is key to the interpreting of evidence and allows teachers and students to meaningfully engage in the formative assessment process. Student engagement means that students can make the connection between the behaviors they exhibit in class and evidence of their learning, ultimately supporting them to move their learning forward. <strong>Next, facilitate a discussion about student engagement.</strong></td>
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Facilitators may want to use some of the following questions to support the discussion:

- How can I help students recognize that the things they do and say are evidence of their learning?
- How can I support students in making their ideas visible and public?

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Students can become the kind of self-directed, engaged learners who can recognize evidence of their own learning, embrace opportunities to make their learning public and engage with evidence of their own learning (as described on the previous slide) when the classroom culture empowers them to engage fully in the formative assessment process.  
As described on Module 2, the Fundamentals of Learning is a framework that presents three fundamental aspects of learning. When students have ownership of their own learning, they can:  
- **Make meaning** for themselves by thinking critically and creatively, connecting to prior knowledge and using language and symbols.  
- **Manage their own learning** by taking responsibility for learning, adapting learning tactics and persevering through challenges.  
- **Participate and collaborate** by engaging with others and communicating and connecting with others about ideas, feelings and perspectives.  
**Next, facilitate a discussion that helps participants relate the concepts of culture and climate to their own classrooms.** |
Consider using some of the following questions to support the discussion.

- What does your current classroom culture signal to students about evidence of their own learning?
- How does your classroom culture support the Fundamentals of Learning?
- What adult mindset changes may be needed to build a classroom culture that supports the formative assessment process?

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The purpose of self- and peer-assessment is to help students manage their own learning. Students who manage their own learning can set goals, make plans, monitor their progress and adapt their approaches to learning. Essential to this process is being able to view their own work and ideas and the work of their peers critically and use it to make decisions about how to proceed in their learning.

If students and teachers do not have a shared understanding of the learning they are working toward and a shared sense of what constitutes quality work, students will not be able to appropriately manage their own learning. These expectations are based on the Success Criteria. It is important for students to have a clear understanding of the teacher’s expectations in order to self-assess and to provide meaningful feedback to peers.

This slide lists some important ways that teachers must support students to engage in meaningful peer- and self-assessment. The next several slides will explore the ways that each of these strategies are important for building a classroom culture that supports full
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To build a common view of success, teachers can help students and their families internalize expectations in a variety of ways.  
The Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) Family Guides have been developed to help families familiarize themselves with the content of each grade level’s standards. Each guide contains an overview of the standards for Reading & Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Each grade-level document presents information that can help to build a common view of success between the teacher and families by providing families with the key ideas and skills teachers will introduce in each subject area. Information presented in each Family Guide includes possible examples of what students will be asked to do in class, how to help students at home, questions families can ask students at home and questions families can ask their student’s teacher. The Family Guides are available in English and in Spanish.  
Additionally, A Family’s Guide to Understanding Student Assessment was developed to help families understand how assessment can support student learning. | ![Common View of Success](slide-image) |
Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.

To build a common view of success, teachers can help students internalize expectations by

- **Learning Goals and Success Criteria**: Key to this common view are the sharing and clarification of Learning Goals and Success Criteria. If students are to use them to guide their understanding of their own progress, students need more than just seeing the Learning Goals and Success Criteria on the board.
  - Communication of Learning Goals and Success Criteria should occur throughout a lesson.
    - At the start of a lesson, talk students through what they will be learning and ways that evidence of learning can be shown.
    - Throughout the lesson, help students build connections between where they have been and where they are going in their learning.
    - At the end of the lesson, ask students to summarize in their own words what they learned and how they know they learned it.

These points will be discussed in further detail later.
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To build a common view of success, teachers can help students internalize expectations by  
• **Being transparent about evaluation criteria:** Students need to understand how their learning will be evaluated and what criteria will be used to determine where students are in their understanding. This understanding helps to organize learning, improve communication, increase engagement, and provide a sense of fairness.  
• For the counting standard on the previous slide, **KY.K.CC.5**, teachers can create a checklist of the knowledge and skills they will be looking for as students work individually and collaboratively. This checklist can be shared with students and families to provide clear communication about the evaluation of learning goals and success criteria. | ![Common View of Success (3)](Common View of Success (3).png) |
| 22     | **Before introducing the content of this slide, have teachers access KY.1.OA.1 (or page 31 of the KAS for Mathematics) and associated clarifications.**  
**Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.**  
To build a common view of success, teachers can help students internalize expectations by  
• **Providing examples and non-examples:** Providing students with examples that can illustrate what Success Criteria can look like can strengthen student understanding of what they are working toward. Examples can be used in concert with | ![Common View of Success (4)](Common View of Success (4).png) |
non-examples that illustrate common misconceptions students may make, perhaps with modeling focused on how to improve the non-example.

- In mathematics, worked examples can be used to illustrate work and/or reasoning that students can critique, keying in on the specific knowledge and skills of the Success Criteria (e.g., determining a solution to a start unknown addition/subtraction problem, communicating reasoning about why a given equation would or would not work to determine the solution).

- The example on the slide can be presented to student for discussions about whether or not an equation can be used to answer the question. These conversations can focus on how students know which number in an equation is the answer and different ways of writing an equation that will lead to the same answer.

Appendix A: Table 1 of the KAS for Mathematics (p. 254) provides the set of common addition and subtraction situations addressed in the standards.

- **KY.K.OA.2** (p. 21) Solve addition and subtraction word problems and add and subtract within 10 by using objects or drawings to represent the problem.

- **KY.1.OA.1** (p. 31) Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart and comparing, with unknowns in all positions.

- **KY.2.OA.1** (p. 46) Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve one- and two-step word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart and comparing, with unknowns in all positions.
comparing, with unknowns in all positions, by using drawings and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem.

For facilitators working with secondary mathematics educators, a useful resource when planning for high school instruction might be *Teaching Strategies for Improving Algebra Knowledge in Middle and High School Students Practice Guide Summary*. This summary provides recommendations for incorporating solved problems into secondary classroom instruction and activities.

23 **Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.**

To build a common view of success, teachers can help students internalize expectations by

- **Demonstrating a variety of approaches**: Teachers can also provide students with multiple approaches that can lead to success. This provides students with diverse learning needs, different learning styles and different background knowledge with the ability to obtain success and take ownership of their learning.

- **Mathematics teachers can identify students who approach the same problem in different ways and have these students present their approaches to the class. They could also provide students choice during problem solving activities, for example asking students to demonstrate their knowledge of computation by choosing the “just right” numbers to use when solving a contextually based problem. When solving addition and subtraction problems, an example could incorporate numbers that require different strategies to solve: John has [9 or 14] water balloons. Some of the balloons...**
### Slide Image

**pop. John now has 6 balloons. How many of John’s balloons John popped?**

- In this example, the numbers provided in the first sentence bridge student development of addition and subtraction skills.
- For students struggling to cross tens, using 9 helps them show they understand how to solve the problem without being hindered by their struggles computing.
- For students who can fluently add and subtract within 20, the use of 14 provides the same opportunity.

As mentioned in the notes on the previous slide, Appendix A: Table 1 of the *KAS for Mathematics* (p. 254) provides the set of common addition and subtraction situations addressed in the standards.

**Next, facilitate a discussion in which participants consider ways in which they build a common view of success in their classrooms.**

Facilitators can consider using some of the following questions to support the discussion:

- How do you currently help students build an understanding of success that matches your own?
- Do you feel that your students understanding of quality of work in relation to the Success Criteria is in line with your own?
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Nearly everything a teacher does during a lesson can be seen as modeling, but deliberate, purposeful modeling is a powerful instructional strategy. Teaching and modeling self- and peer-assessment is no different. | ![Teaching and Modeling (1)](image1) |
| 25     | **Before introducing the content of this slide, have teachers access KY.6.RP.3.c (p. 118) and associated clarifications.**  
**KY.6.RP.3.c (p. 118): Use ratio reasoning to convert measurement units; manipulate and transform units appropriately when multiplying or dividing quantities.**  
**Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.**  
**Making intended learning visible**  
- **Making intended learning visible:** Teachers can help students develop their peer- and self-assessment skills by modeling what it looks like to make evidence of student learning visible. By sharing their own work and process, teachers demonstrate what it looks like for students to view their own ideas and work as evidence and use that evidence to make decisions.  
- **In mathematics, this could be verbalizing specific reasoning during problem solving. For example, during a lesson focused on rates, a grade 6 teacher might say, “I notice that the rate** | ![Teaching and Modeling (2)](image2) |
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| 26      | *Before introducing the content of this slide, have teachers access [KY.5.NF.5b](p. 107) and associated clarifications.*  
KY.5.NF.5b (p. 107): *Interpret multiplication as scaling (resizing), by explaining why multiplying a given number by a fraction greater than 1 results in a product greater than the given number (recognizing multiplication by whole numbers greater than 1 as a familiar case); explaining why multiplying a given number by a fraction less than 1 results in a product smaller than the given number; and relating the principle of fraction equivalence \( \frac{a}{b} = \frac{(n \times a)}{(n \times b)} \) to the effect of multiplying \( \frac{a}{b} \) by 1.*  
**Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.**  
**Teaching and modeling self-assessment**  
- Teachers can help students learn to make sense of their own learning by providing explicit instruction and modeling to demonstrate looking at evidence of their own learning in the context of the Learning Goals and Success Criteria.  
- *In mathematics, this could be sharing a worked example of the teacher’s own solution process and reviewing it aloud with the Success Criteria in mind (e.g., “We are working on clear and complete explanations for why multiplying a given number by a fraction greater than 1 results in a product greater than the given number. I have a set of examples that show this is true, but this doesn’t mean it works for any number. I need to add some words to my response that...”)*
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<td><strong>Before introducing the content of this slide, have teachers access KY.2.NBT.3 (p. 49) and associated clarifications.</strong>&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>KY.2.NBT.3</strong> (p. 48): Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names and expanded form.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.</strong>&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;strong&gt;Teaching and modeling peer-assessment&lt;/strong&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;* In the same way that teachers can make self-assessment explicit, they can support students in understanding where their peers are in their learning by thinking about evidence of their peers’ learning in the context of the Learning Goals and Success Criteria. This requires helping students understand they have a responsibility to notice their peers’ learning and to respond in ways that support progress toward the Learning Goals.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;* <strong>In mathematics, this might be showing students what it looks like to listen closely to someone’s reasoning, look closely at someone’s work and notice and respond to the provided evidence</strong> (e.g., <em>I heard you say two hundred nine, but you wrote 290. Which number did you mean?</em>). Additionally, responses to valid evidence could be focused on helping other students develop greater meaning for the concepts, skills and practices being demonstrated and discussed.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Next, facilitate a discussion in which participants consider ways in which modeling can support peer- and self-assessment.</strong></td>
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Facilitators can consider using some of the following questions to support the discussion:

- How do you use modeling in your classroom to support students to understand where they are in their own learning?
- What strategies have you used to teach your students to assess their own work and that of their peers?

What challenges have you experienced in modeling self- and peer-assessment skills?

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Students need the time and space to practice engaging with evidence of their own learning and the learning of their peers. In order to get better at applying Success Criteria to their own work and the work of their peers, students need opportunities to practice in an environment that makes it safe for them to manage their own learning and support the learning of their peers.

- **Classroom culture:** As discussed on a previous slide and in detail in Module 2, students can engage in the formative assessment process when they are learning in contexts that support them to do so. To practice and improve at self- and peer-assessment, students need a culture that supports them to make meaning for themselves, manage their own learning and participate and contribute in a collaborative environment. Students need a culture that values and makes space for errors and mistakes as learning opportunities.

- **Low stakes:** Students can practice and get better at meaningful self- and peer-assessment when they understand assessment as an opportunity to understand where they are...
in their learning in order to make decisions about how to improve, as opposed to a way to determine if they are right or wrong based on whether they get a good grade or a bad grade. *In mathematics, this could mean allowing students to revise incorrect or incomplete responses based on formative feedback about their initial work.*

- **Opportunities:** Just like with other skills your students are learning, students need many opportunities to practice the skills related to peer- and self-assessment and they need to progress from scaffolded peer- and self-assessment to being able to apply Success Criteria to evidence of learning independently.

- **Feedback:** Repeated practice needs to be coupled with specific feedback about how students are doing at self- and peer-assessment. Students need a chance to hear their teacher’s perspective on what they are doing well and how they can sharpen their peer- and self-assessment skills and become more independent. They also need to discuss their own reflections on the process.

**Next, facilitate a discussion in which participants discuss ways their students can practice peer- and self-assessment.**

Facilitators can consider using some of the following questions to support the discussion:

- How can you ensure that students understand formative assessment as an opportunity to learn?
- What are some ways that your students practice self- and peer-assessment?
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In addition to teaching, modeling and opportunities to practice, teachers can provide a variety of strategies and tools that students can use to build student responsibility, ownership and skills at managing their own learning through self- and peer-assessment.  
While by no means comprehensive, this slide lists some examples of tools and strategies that can support students to make sense of evidence of their learning and of their peers to gain an understanding of their current learning status and inform next steps.  
Walk through the examples on the slide, elaborating as necessary.  
For example, facilitators may want to elaborate on how to use **question prompts** to support student self- and peer-evaluation by offering questions related to the Success Criteria that help students gauge their own understandings. The questions should be purposeful, and their purpose should be conveyed to students along with encouragement for them to answer candidly. With young children, this activity can be simplified to drawing a face or choosing a picture that communicates how they feel about what they know and can do in relation to the Success Criteria.  
**Next, facilitate a discussion in which participants share ideas about tools and strategies that can support peer- and self-assessment.**  
Facilitators can consider using some of the following questions to support the discussion:  
• What strategies and tools have you used to support students to assess their own learning and the learning of their peers? | ![Tools and Strategies](image) |
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<td>• What tools and strategies have been most successful? How have you supported your students to transition from scaffolded to more independent analysis of their own learning?</td>
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<td>• What are some examples of peer- and self-assessment you noticed? What can you infer about the teacher’s classroom climate that would allow for this peer- and self-assessment?</td>
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### Section 5: Strategies for Interpreting Evidence of Student Thinking

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<td>• Teachers can interpret evidence considering specific disciplinary misconceptions or issues that may constrain students from reaching their Learning Goals. Teachers can</td>
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draw on their content knowledge as well as their understanding of how students learn disciplinary ideas and skills to anticipate these kinds of issues and support in-process pedagogical responses. *For example, in mathematics, teachers can encourage students to describe both the process, the conceptual understanding, and, informally, the mathematical practices that drive a problem-solving process.*

- Additionally, teachers can look for patterns that show common errors, misconceptions or issues among groups of students. *For example, a mathematics teacher might notice that a group of students can identify fourths when each part of the whole is the same shape and size (e.g., a rectangle partitioned horizontally and vertically into 4 same-sized squares) but cannot identify fourths when this is not true (e.g., a rectangle partitioned into two halves vertically, where one half is partitioned into two same-sized parts vertically and the other half is partitioned into two same-sized parts horizontally).*

Note: The above example addresses [KY.2.G.3](p. 58): *Partition circles and rectangles into two, three, or four equal shares; describe the shares using the words halves, thirds, half of, a third of, etc.; and describe the whole as two halves, three thirds, four fourths. Recognize that equal shares of identical wholes need not have the same shape.*

- The [Breaking Down a Standard tool](#) can also serve as a resource for exploring student misconceptions related to specific mathematics content. The section “What are the possible misconceptions that will need to be addressed during instruction?” provides opportunities for teachers to pre-think any potential barriers to student learning.
This analysis supports providing direct support and actionable feedback to both individual students or groups of students, depending upon the activity. In addition to the student-facing piece, this analysis should also prompt reflection on and continuous improvement of the teacher’s practice. For example, a mathematics teacher may notice that her students consistently struggle with providing explanations for their thinking. The teacher then reflects on his or her own teaching methods around written and verbal explanations and decides to create more scaffolding for students in the form of sentence stems.

Next, facilitate a discussion about analyzing evidence.
Facilitators may want to use some of the following questions to support the discussion:

• What do you look for when you analyze evidence of student learning?
• How do you interpret evidence of student learning during instruction as well as in between instruction?
• What are common misconceptions and patterns that you look for in your students’ work and ideas?
• How do you use evidence of student learning to help you reflect on and improve your practice?
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Even when evidence gathering opportunities are carefully constructed and are aligned to Learning Goals and Success Criteria, the evidence elicited can still be clouded by other factors.

An important step in making meaning of student evidence is evaluating the quality of the evidence in the context of the Learning Goals and Success Criteria. This sometimes means filtering extraneous information that doesn’t provide insight into students’ current learning status relative to the Learning Goals and Success Criteria and focusing tightly on the intended learning. *For example, a mathematics teacher may overhear students misnaming properties of operations when applying them in problem solving situations (e.g., “comunative” property instead of “commutative” property). Since the Learning Goal and Success Criteria focus on the application of properties of operations and not the naming of the properties, the teacher chooses to only address conceptual errors associated with the properties.*

However, evaluating the quality of evidence can also mean considering possible factors that may be limiting your students’ capacities to demonstrate what they know and can do relative to the Learning Goals and Success Criteria. This slide presents several examples of factors that may impact the quality of the evidence of student learning to inform good decisions about student learning. *For example, if a student is asked to work independently on a math problem that requires them to have a working knowledge of the game of golf, the evidence of learning being analyzed may not be representative of that student’s math knowledge if the student does...*
not have the appropriate prior knowledge structures to engage with the content of the problem.

As teachers work to identify any issues clouding evidence, it's an opportunity to go back and elicit evidence in a different way to ensure that teachers understand what students know and can do. The formative assessment process is predicated on meaningful evidence of student learning and teachers must be aware of the other filters that may impact a student’s ability to demonstrate their knowledge as it relates to the evidence elicited to demonstrate specific Learning Goals and Success Criteria.

Next, facilitate a discussion about potential barriers to analyzing evidence.

- Can you think of a lesson where you were sidetracked in your feedback because you were focused on student evidence that wasn’t aligned to the Learning Goals and Success Criteria?
- Are there areas that often get in the way of your own students demonstrating what they know and can do?
- How do you identify what factors influenced evidence of student learning for your students?
- What are some strategies you can use to remove your own filters and focus on analysis of evidence aligned to Learning Goals and Success Criteria?
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By anticipating the understanding of knowledge and concepts that students bring when embarking on new Learning Goals, teachers position themselves to respond with in-process feedback that can quickly move students in the right direction. Anticipating possible student responses is a set of skills that teachers hone over time as they develop their deep knowledge of the discipline and understanding of how students progress through their disciplinary learning. The also rely on contextual factors including the profile of their individual students as learners and the specific way that learning is structured in the lesson.  
Teachers prepare for a lesson by reflecting on common preconceptions, misconceptions and challenges or confusions that might arise for the students in their class. By thinking about when these issues are likely to arise in the lesson, teachers can plan to use strategies that will support students to clarify and advance their learning. Planning to use these strategies allows teachers to be ready to quickly take appropriate pedagogical action for many of their learners. Key to anticipating student responses to interpret in-process evidence is responding to what the students present in the evidence of their learning, not what they do not do. Interpreting evidence to inform the formative assessment process is about more than just catching what students may not get right but understanding where they are in their thinking and why.  
In the next several slides, we will consider some examples of what it could look like to anticipate student understanding when planning a lesson. | ![Anticipating Student Understanding (1)](https://example.com/Slide34.png)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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We introduced this standard in Module 3 and earlier in this module. Here we include the Attending to the Standards for Mathematical Practice addressing the set of KY.K.CC standards.  
Ask participants to take a moment to review the Standard, the Clarifications, and the Attending to the Standards for Mathematical Practice and reflect to themselves about strategies they might use to gather evidence of student learning. | ![Anticipating Student Understanding (2)](image) |
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We introduced this Learning Goal and these Success Criteria for KY.K.CC.5 (p. 18) in Module 3. In Module 4, we added some example strategies to gather evidence of student learning at key points in the lesson.

In the slides 37-40, we will consider ways to couple planned evidence gathering strategies with anticipated student responses in order to facilitate in-process feedback during teaching and learning of the lesson.

Ask participants to take a moment to review the Learning Goal, Success Criteria, and evidence gathering strategies and to reflect to themselves about what they might be looking for as students engage in evidence gathering opportunities throughout the lesson.

As a reminder, the examples presented on slides 37 – 40 address KY.K.CC.5 (p. 18).

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An evidence gathering strategy that can be used by the teacher at the start of a lesson is activating prior knowledge. Anticipating student responses, lesson planning should include consideration of possible misconceptions or confusions students might have about the knowledge and skills that have the potential to impact current learning.

Connecting this strategy to the kindergarten Learning Goal of counting things put together in different ways, activating prior knowledge could include rote counting as a class. To rote count, students need to know how to name the numbers in the counting sequence and the sequence of the numbers when counting. Young
students often have difficulty with teen numbers, for example, naming fifteen as five-teen. They might also skip a number in the counting sequence or count the numbers in a sequence out of order. Being aware of these potential student counting errors in advance of the lesson provides listen-fors during counting activities to identify which students might need additional counting experiences. Note that concrete counting activities may also help to develop and strengthen student rote counting skills and that resolving gaps and insufficiencies in student counting skills likely requires time and practice.

One resource to reference is the Engaging the SMPs: Look-fors and Questioning Stems, which provides student look-fors, teacher look-fors and question stems for each of the SMPs.

**Next, facilitate a discussion in which participants consider student responses they may anticipate:**

Consider using some of the following questions:

- What other student responses might you anticipate in an activity like this?
- What questions or feedback might you give a student who responds in the ways identified here?
- What challenges or confusions do you look for at the beginning of lessons that might be different than later in a lesson?
- What kinds of confusion or challenges to student learning do you look for when students engage in disciplinary discourse?
- How does anticipating student responses support you to take pedagogical action?
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An evidence gathering strategy that can be used by the teacher in the middle of a lesson is questioning. Anticipating student responses, lesson planning should consider possible misconceptions or confusions students might have about the content embodied by the Learning Goals and Success Criteria that can be surfaced through teacher- and peer-questioning.

Connecting this strategy to the kindergarten Learning Goal of *counting things put together in different ways*, questioning might involve asking students to show different ways to count a set of buttons. This activity engages student understanding about whether the number of buttons changes based on which button the counting sequence starts with. It also allows the teacher to observe the ways in which students keep track of the objects that have been counted and have yet to be counted. Whole class conversation could focus on ways that students know how many objects they count and ways that they keep track of their counting.

Referencing the Engaging the SMPs: Look-fors and Questioning Stems might also be beneficial here.

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Consider using some of the following questions:

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An evidence gathering strategy that can be used by the teacher at the end of a lesson is self- and peer-assessment. Anticipating student responses, lesson planning should consider possible misconceptions or confusions students might have about the content embodied by the Learning Goals and Success Criteria that can be surfaced during group work.

Connecting this strategy to the kindergarten Learning Goal of *counting things put together in different ways*, questioning might involve asking students to work together to 1) count a given set of objects and 2) to create a set of objects of a given number.

Having established a classroom culture where the sharing of ideas is welcome and everyone participates fully, the students in each group could count a given set of objects silently, then share out their counts, modeling their counting processes. This allows others to see how a student arrived at the number of objects and to provide additional thinking when necessary. In the same way, each student in a group could make a set of objects given the number of objects and then compare their sets with each other, again modeling the understandings engaged and providing additional thinking when necessary.
Next, facilitate a discussion in which participants consider student responses they may anticipate:
Consider using some of the following questions:

- What other student responses might you anticipate in an activity like this?
- How do you support students to assess their own knowledge and skills?
- How do you support students to respond to each other’s use of math practices to support their ideas?
- What kinds of questions or feedback might you offer to students struggling with any of these issues?

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In addition to anticipating common student responses, teachers can employ a variety of strategies to support them to interpret evidence of student learning in ways that facilitate effective pedagogical response during the learning. Interpretation strategies should not exist in a vacuum but should be anchored and aligned to both the stated Learning Goals and Success Criteria, as well as to the type of evidence needed to demonstrate student mastery. Additionally, strategies should reflect how they will be used. Teachers need different tools and strategies to analyze and respond to student learning and what students do to make sense of their own learning and the learning of their peers.

While much of this interpretation happens “on the fly,” educators must anticipate student thinking as part of their planning process.

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| 42     | **What whole-class discussion might need to happen and with what focus?**  
**Are examples and artifacts of student work needed?**  
**As a reminder, the examples presented on this slide address KY.K.CC.5 (p. 18):** *Given a number from 1-20, count out that many objects. A) Count to answer “how many?” questions with as many as 20 things arranged in a line, a rectangular array, or a circle. B) Count to answer “how many?” questions with as many as 10 things in a scattered configuration.*  
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Teacher-facing strategies and supporting tools can help a teacher focus their attention on key learning in a lesson and track their observations and next steps.  
A strategy that teachers could use to track student progress can be as simple as a checklist on a clipboard or iPad.  
*In this example, the teacher is circulating among students as they count objects and make groups of objects. While overhearing conversations and through direct questioning, the teacher can note students who are able to both 1) count a given number of objects and 2) make a group given the number of objects. They are also then able to keep track of who is getting stuck at a specific point and provide additional supports for students to work through concepts that they may be struggling with.* | ![Example: Teacher-Facing Strategy](image) |
Before introducing the content of this slide, have teachers access KY.HS.G.12a (p. 219) and associated clarifications.

KY.HS.G.12a (p. 219): Understood that by similarity, side ratios in right triangles are properties of the angles in the triangle, leading to definitions of trigonometric ratios for acute angles (sine, cosine and tangent).

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Students can be supported to engage in self- and peer-assessment with specific tools that help structure and provide language for them to make sense of their learning and the learning of their peers. The teacher can have a set of questions related to the Success Criteria that help students gauge their own understandings. The questions should be purposeful, and their purpose should be conveyed to students along with encouragement for them to answer honestly. With young children, this activity can be simplified to drawing a face that communicates how they feel about what they know and can do in relation to the Success Criteria.

For example, in the context of Learning Goals and Success Criteria associated with properties of right triangles in high school geometry, given a variety of similar triangles, students can record their perceived success discovering and applying the definitions of trigonometric ratios for acute angles. Student recordings could be simple (e.g., placing a checkmark in each cell that is true) or provide specific information (e.g., a description of any challenges they faced as they completed an associated activity). This is an example of a student-facing tool that could support students to effectively engage in this activity in ways that help them move their learning forward. Each student could work with their
peers to answer the questions about their own work. This is an example of a more scaffolded strategy to support students’ emerging skills at peer- and self-assessment. The goal of tools like these is not just to manage the specific activity but to help students develop skills that will allow them to independently assess and manage their own learning.
## Section 6: Interpreting Evidence in Action

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<td><strong>Introduce the content on the slide by providing the following information.</strong>&lt;br&gt;This video is about 3 minutes long. The purpose of the video is to think about the way evidence is interpreted. This specific video features a teacher using formative assessment strategies to gather evidence from students efficiently and effectively. Although the content of the lesson focuses on percents, this assessment strategy can be utilized for any content at any grade level.&lt;br&gt;Direct participants to use the Classroom Practice Video Observation Guide to track their observations and reflections on the video. This guide is available at the end of the Facilitator Guide for this module. If time is a consideration, facilitator may want to preview the video and select a segment of the video to focus on with the group.</td>
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## Section 7: Reflection

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Module 5: Classroom Practice Video Observation Guide

Use this organizer to take notes while watching the Classroom Practice Video. Bring your notes with you to use for later discussion about application to your own classroom activities.

Gathering Evidence
Is the evidence gathered aligned to the Learning Goals and Success Criteria?

Classroom Culture
How is a positive classroom culture exhibited?

Self- and Peer-Assessment
How are students demonstrating or showing that they are able to engage in their own learning?

Student Understanding
Are any student misconceptions, confusions or challenges surfaced in the course of the video? How are they addressed? By whom?