

Assessing Geography in P–6 Part 2: Aligning teaching, learning and assessment



Learning goals

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Activity 7: Using the SEs to make judgments

Complete a 'think, pair, share' activity.

- Review the student work.
- Match the work to the descriptors in the selected row of the Year 3 SEs.
- Confirm your decision using the 'Notes' section from the Year 3 SEs.

Australian Curriculum and QCAA resources

Australian Curriculum

Content descriptions



Achievement standards

Description of the quality of learning students should typically demonstrate in relation to the content at a particular point in their schooling

Valued features

Understanding

Skills

The learning area specific elements to be assessed to make a judgment about student achievement



Standards elaborations

Descriptions of quality in evident in student work on a five point scale organised by the valued features





Assessment and taskspecific standards

Reporting framework

Five grade levels (A–E or equivalent) applicable to all learning areas linked to the Australian Curriculum design and constructs

Using QCAA sample assessments



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An assessment package

Resource	Purpose
Student booklet	 provides a variety of stimulus materials such as text, visuals, graphs and tables specific questions and/or tasks to provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate evidence of learning.
Teacher guidelines	 provide teachers with information about the implementation of the assessment offer explicit advice about how to provide students with the opportunity to do their best work give advice about making judgments.
Task-specific standards	 are a recording device to gather evidence of student learning to inform teachers and students about what is valued in students' responses include a continua and matrix model.
Assessment resources	 include support materials such as graphic organisers or reflection questions to scaffold the assessment.

How can evidence be collected?

Valued feature	Possible evidence of learning
Knowledge and understanding	 Locating places and features on maps Labelling features on photographs Describing characteristics of places Explaining interconnections between people and places Comparing environments
Questioning and researching	 Posing and developing questions Collecting and recording data and information using surveys and tallies Locating and organising data and information Evaluating sources for reliability

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Valued features	Possible evidence of learning		
Interpreting and analysing	 Identifying spatial patterns in data Drawing conclusions Analysing trends in graphs Inferring relationships Proposing actions Predicting effects 		
Communicating	 Presenting findings in an infographic Representing data in labelled column and line graphs Representing data and information on labelled maps using cartographic conventions such as title, direction 		

QCAA Sample assessments interrelate the strands

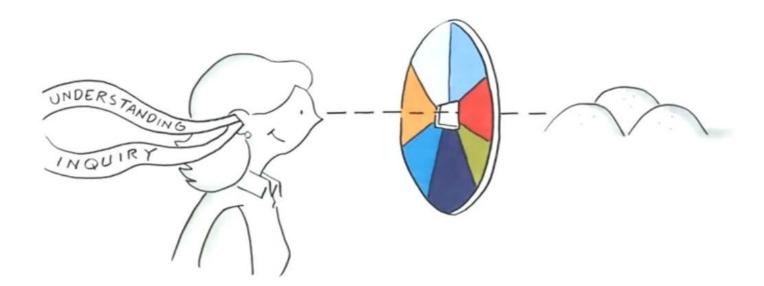


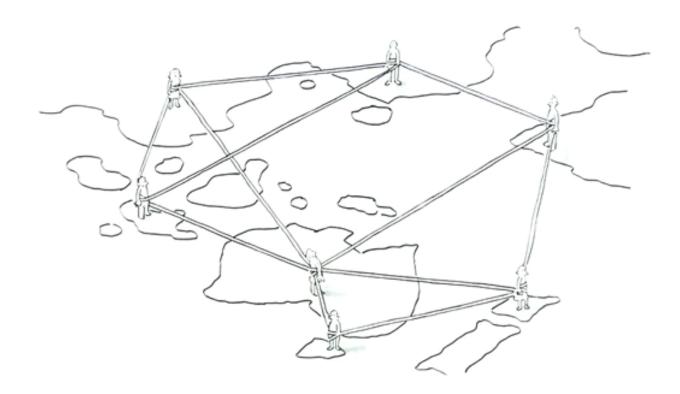
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Assessing geographical understanding

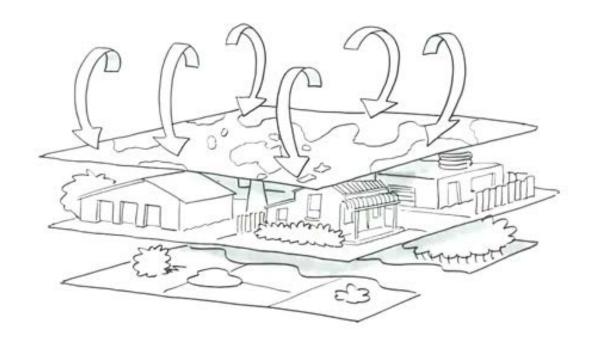
Which concept is represented in this image?



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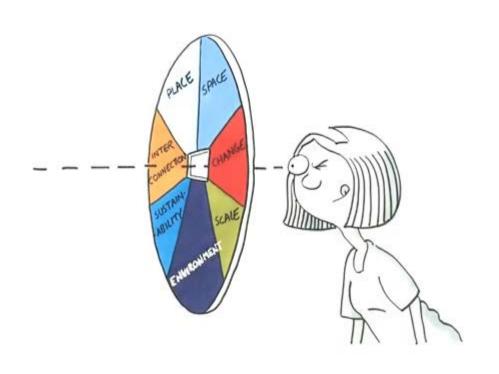




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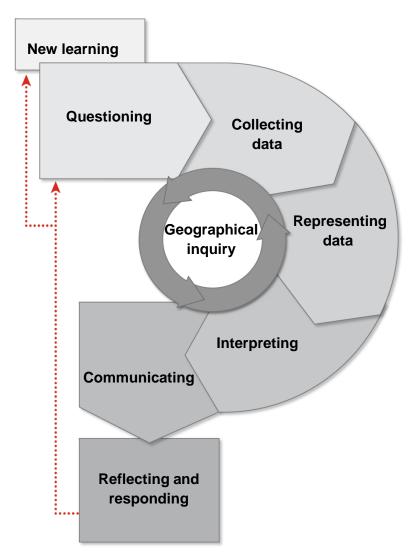


Activity 8: How are the geographical concepts developed in assessment?



Focus on no more than two or three interrelated geographical concepts to allow students to demonstrate depth of understanding and application of skills.

Activity 9: How are the geographical skills developed in assessment?



A sequence of the geographical skills of inquiry.

www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/26025.html

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Using standards for reporting



www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/33122.html

Consider how the language of the achievement standard is used to build a shared understanding

QCAA resources and advice

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Activity: KWL

Summary: What have you learnt?

What do you already KNOW?	What do you WANT to learn today?	What have you LEARNT today?

Questions



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