

THE STORY OF ASSESSMENTS

Differences and Similarities

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

For Staff:

- To monitor student learning
- To ascertain progress
- To check understanding
- To teach responsively

For Students:

- To evaluate their own learning
- To build knowledge
- To identify strength and weakness
- To continually improve learning
- To target learning

BOTH

- are ways to assess student learning
- are opportunities to give and receive feedback
- are ways to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

For Staff:

- To measure whether student has met learning outcomes, and to what extent, at the end of a unit of study
- To make future improvement in further iterations

For Students:

- To understand their overall performance in a unit of study
- To understand whether they have met learning out comes, and to what extent, at the end of a unit of study

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