

# T<sup>3</sup>: Today's Teaching Tip

## Feedback: objectives and benefits to students\*

The main objectives of feedback are to:

- identify and reward specific qualities in student work.
- guide students on what steps to take to improve.
- motivate students to act on their assessment.
- justify to students how their mark or grade was derived.
- develop students' capability to monitor, evaluate and regulate their own learning.

To benefit student learning, feedback needs to be:

- Timely: Given before the student moves on to subsequent tasks.
- Meaningful: Linked to specific assessment criteria.
- Constructive: Setting out ways in which students can improve their work.

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[Nicol, D. \(2010\). From monologue to dialogue: improving written feedback processes in mass higher education. \*Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education\* 35\(5\), 501–517](#)