

T³: Today's Teaching Tip

Assessments, learning objectives, and instructional strategies*

- Assessments should reveal how well students have achieved the intended learning outcomes.
- For this to occur, assessments, learning objectives, and instructional strategies need to be closely aligned.
- To ensure that these three components of a unit are aligned, we need to ask ourselves the following questions:
- **Learning objectives:** What do we want students to know how to do when they leave this unit?
- **Assessments:** What kinds of tasks will reveal whether students have achieved the learning objectives we have identified?
- **Instructional strategies:** What kinds of activities in and out of class will reinforce the learning objectives and prepare students for assessments?

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