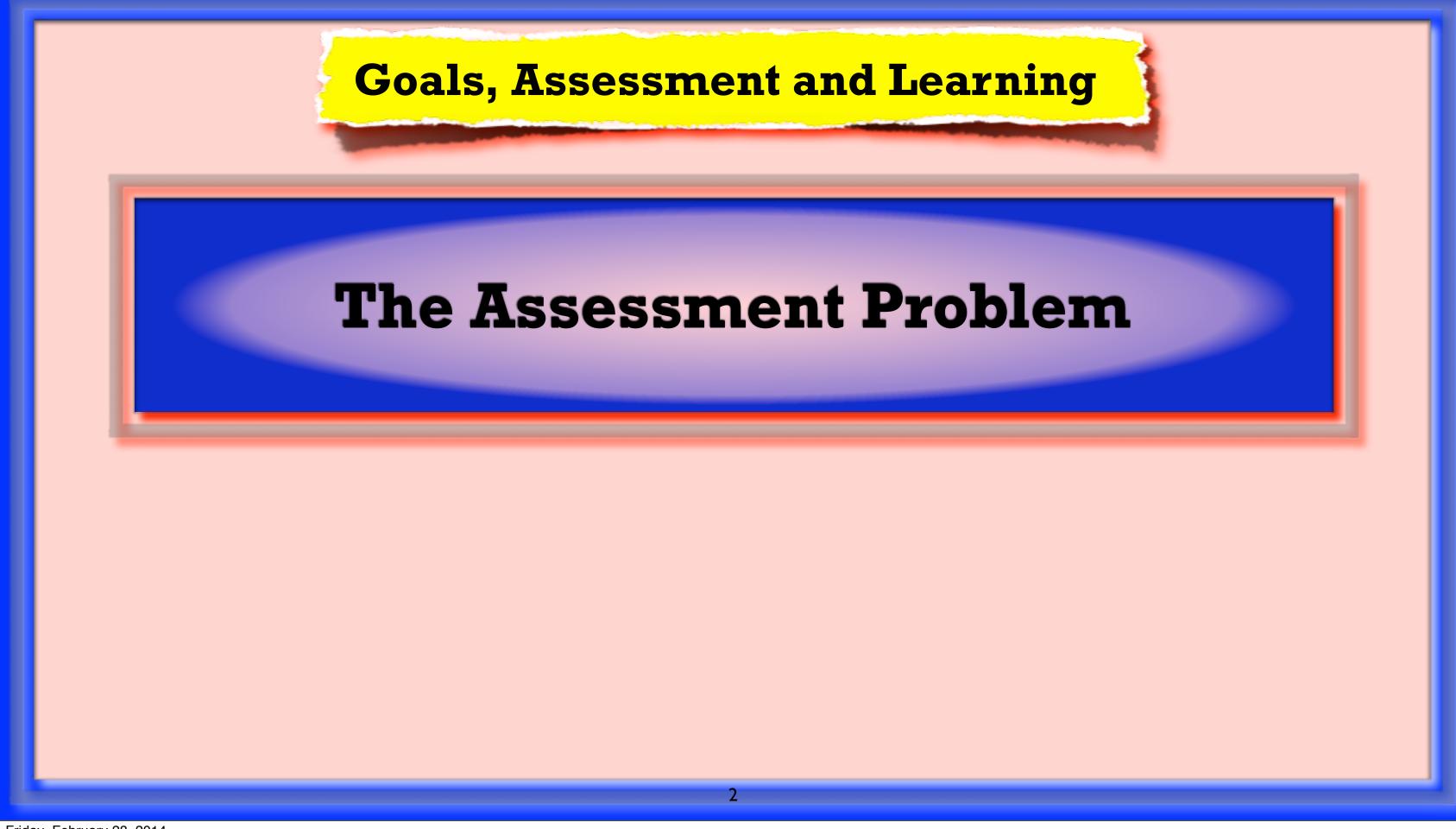


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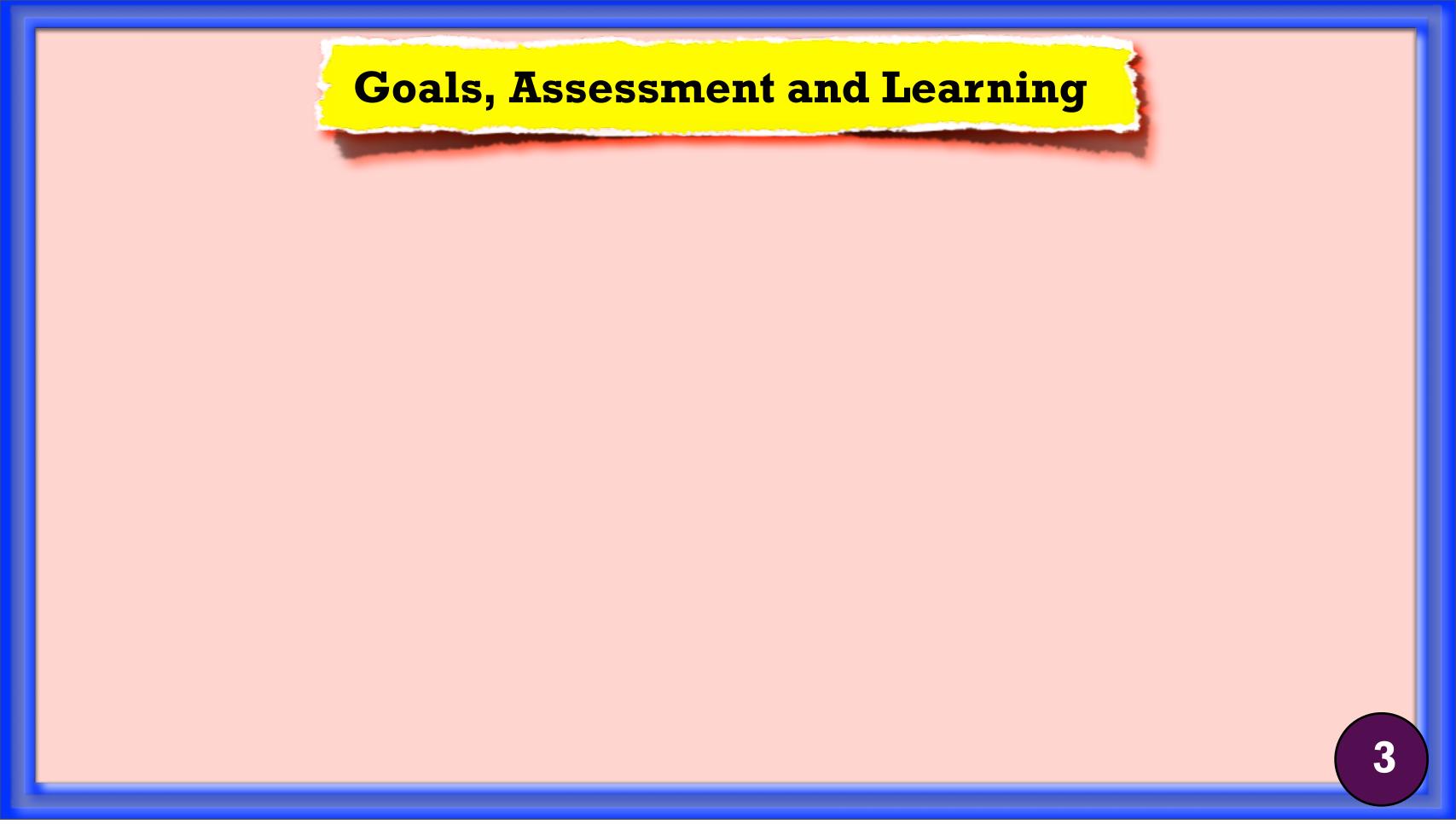


The Assessment Problem









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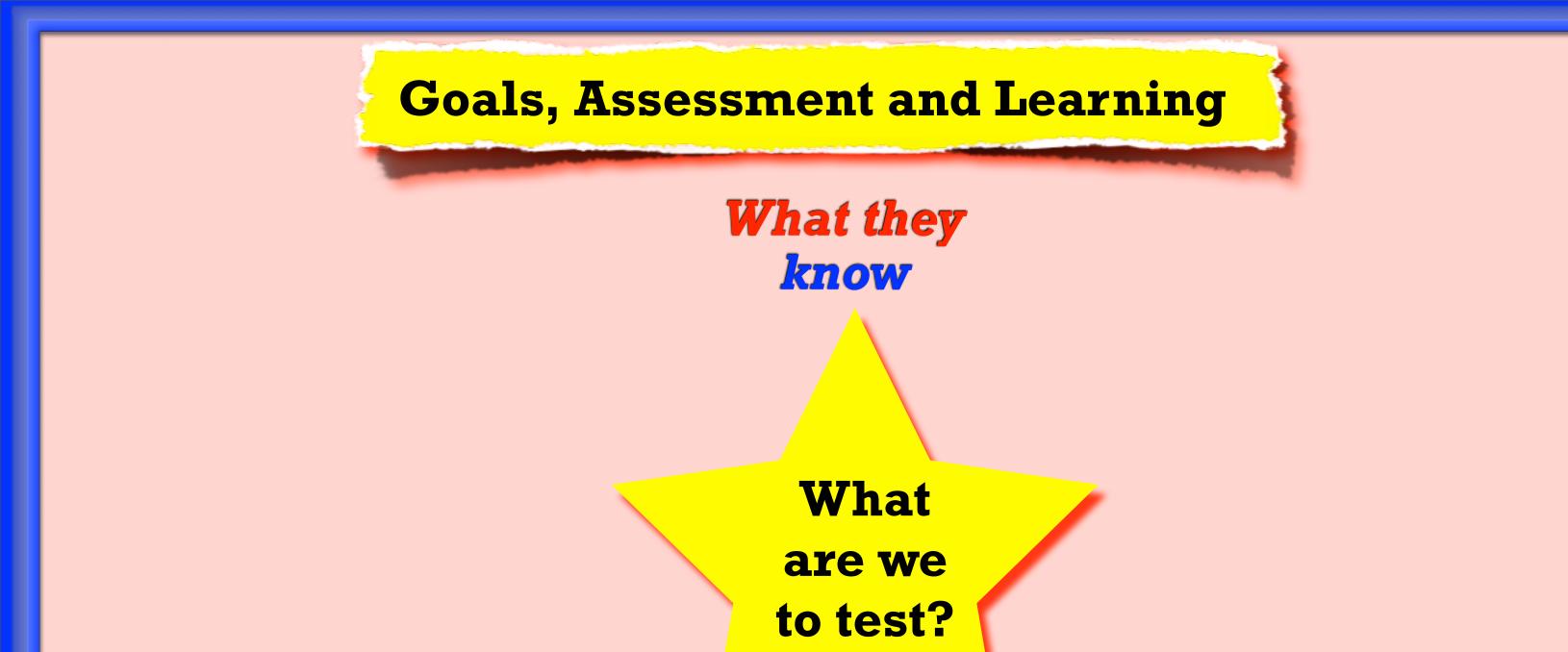
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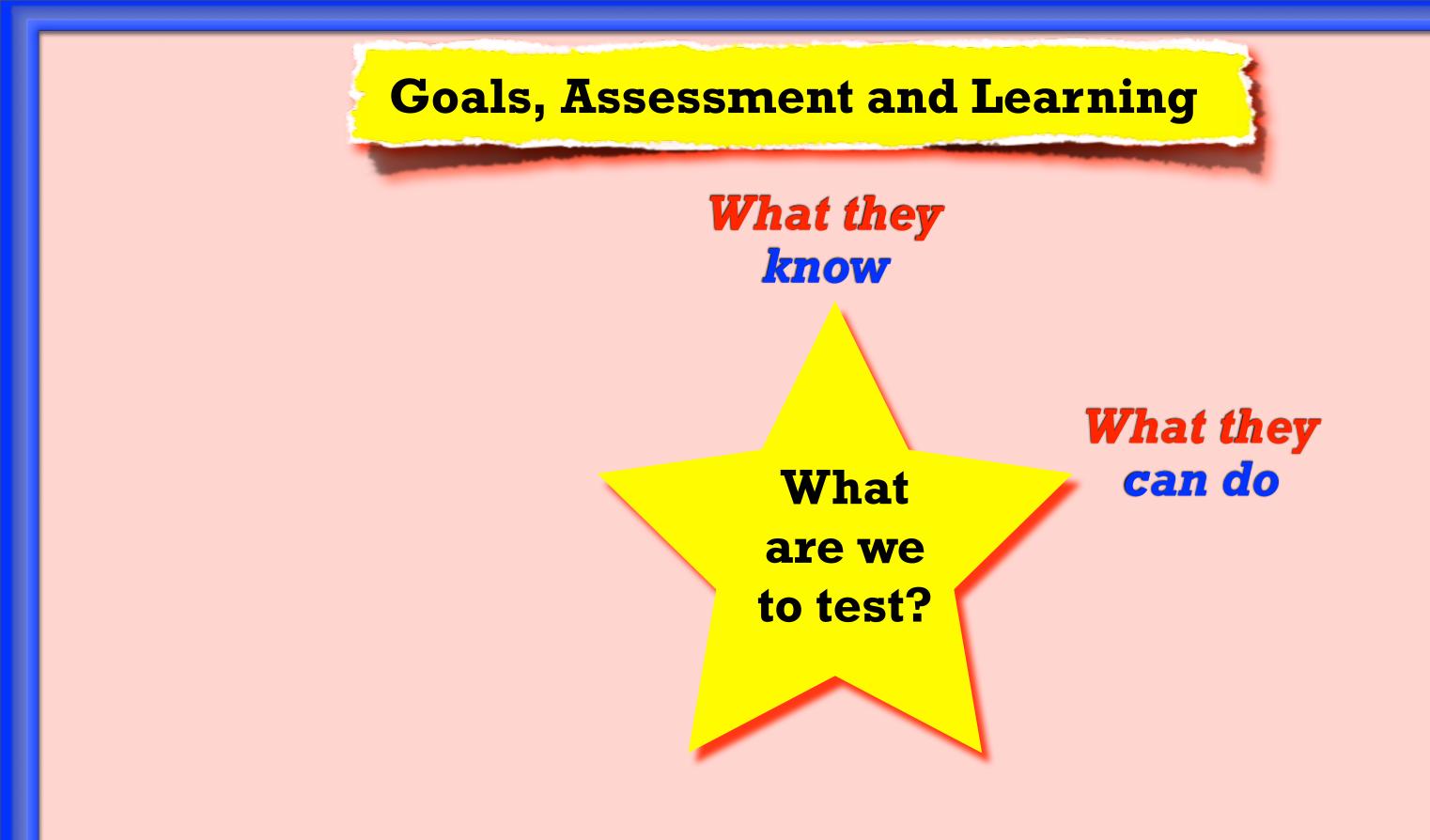


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What they know

What are we to test?

What they can do

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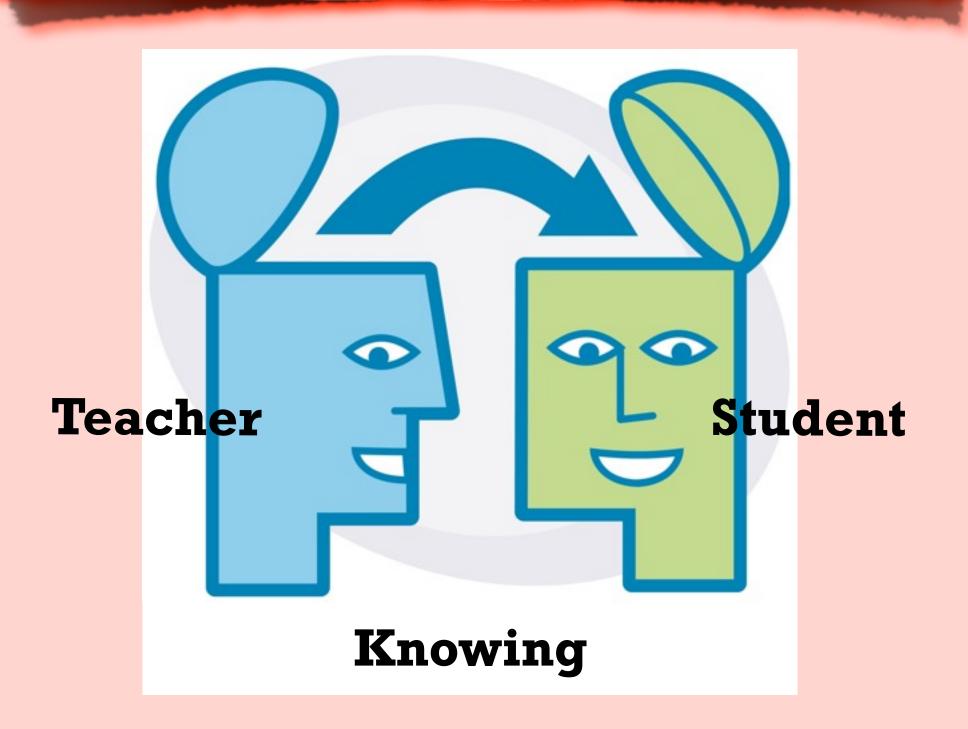
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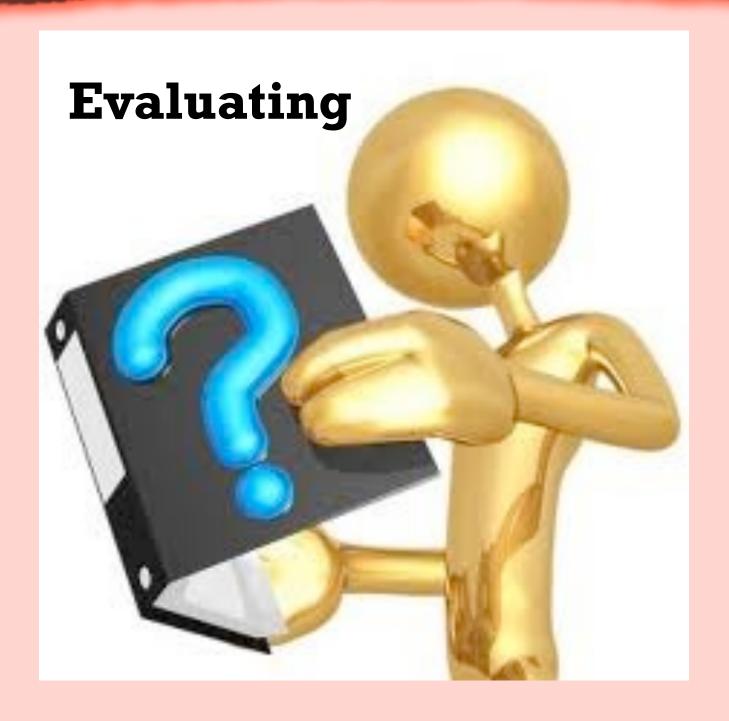
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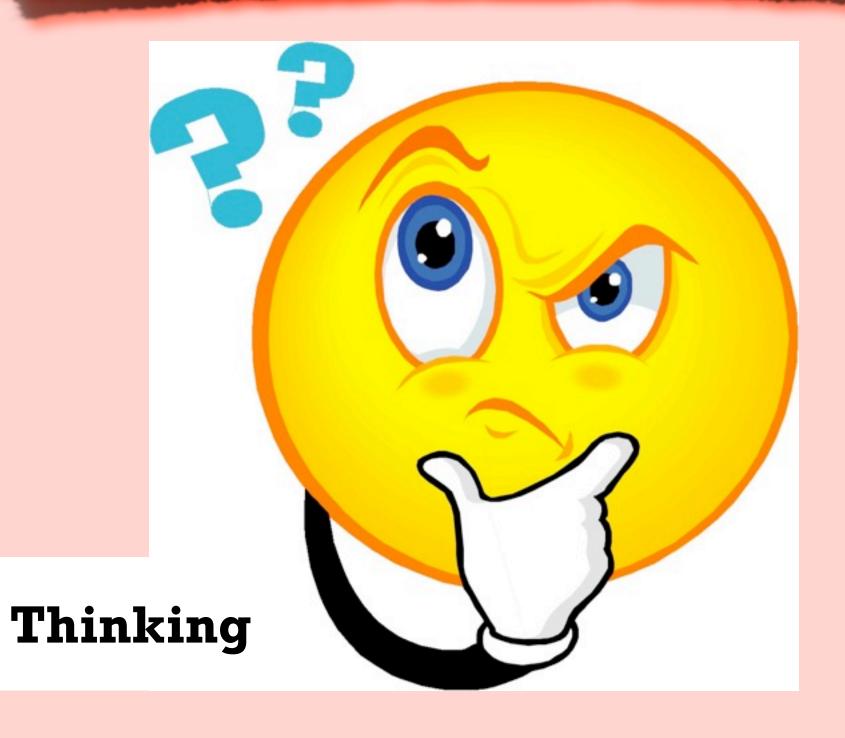




Understand







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Senior school students in their final national examinations

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The key lies here



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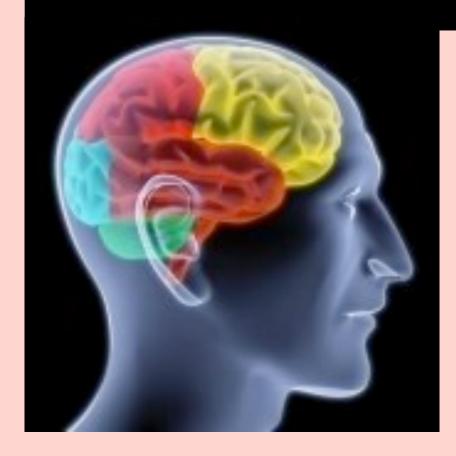
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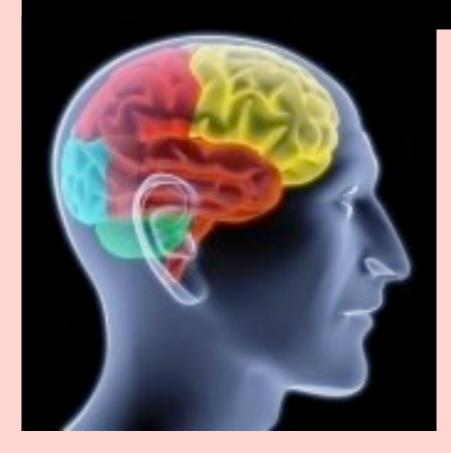
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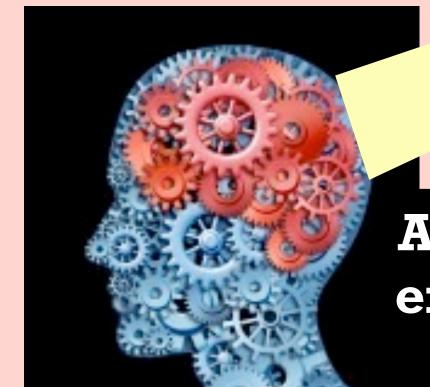
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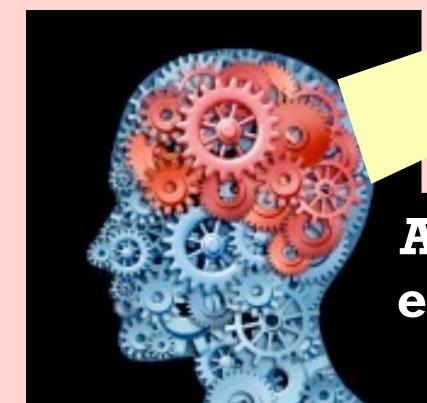




Assessment involves exploring what is the brain

How can we do this??





Assessment involves exploring what is the brain

Can we reward

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Understanding?

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- To show strengths and weaknesses?

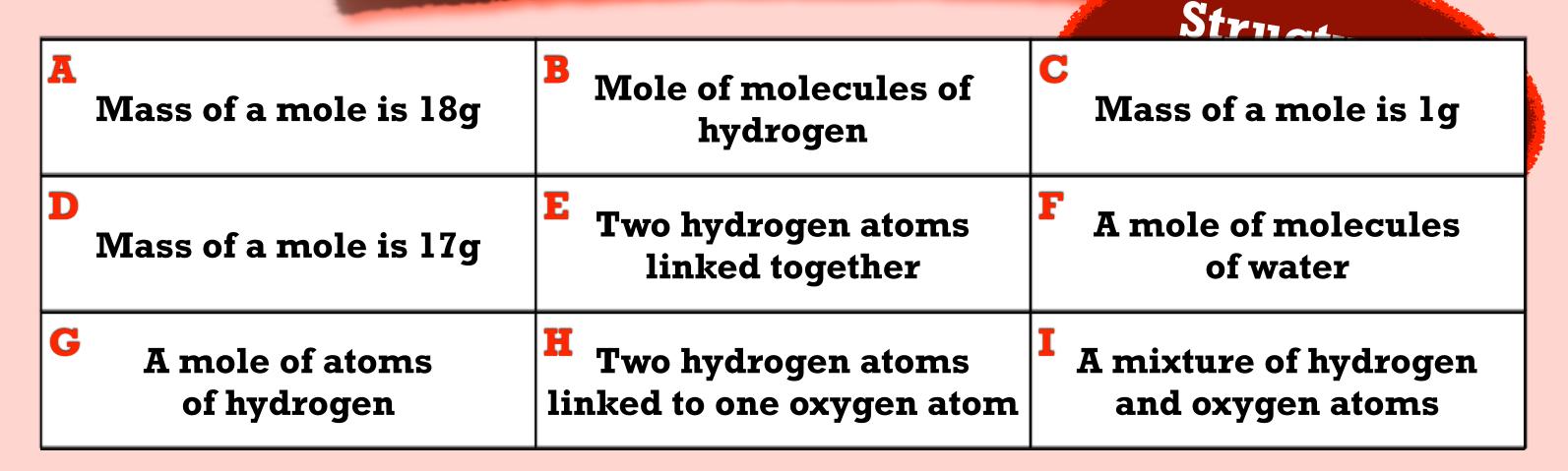
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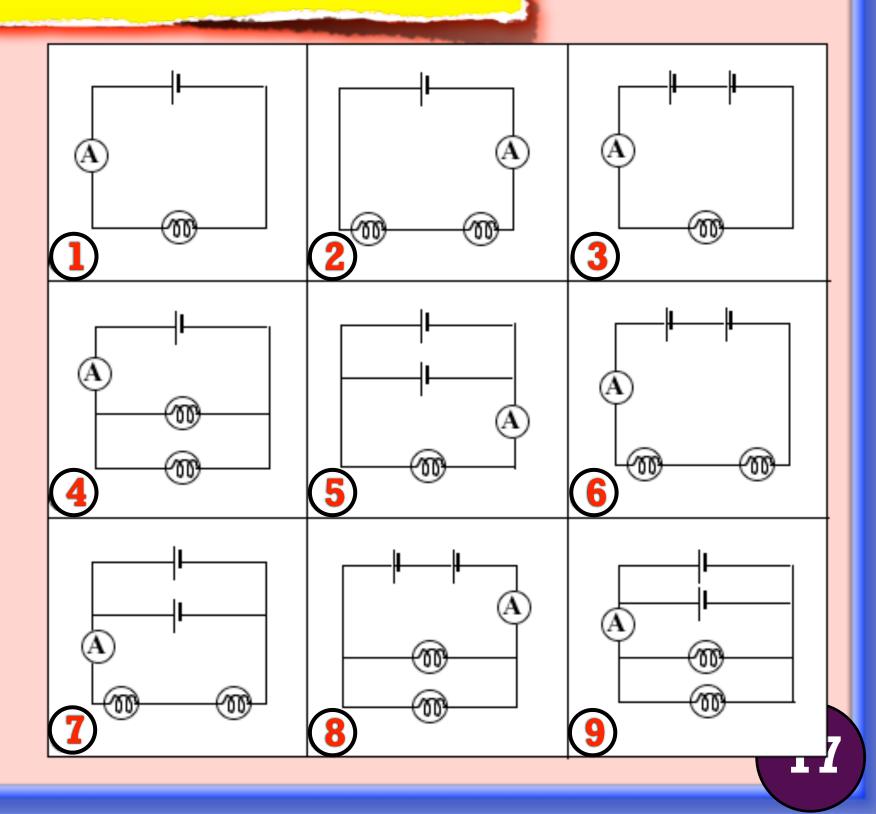
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Mole of molecules of Mass of a mole is 1g Mass of a mole is 18g hydrogen A mole of molecules Two hydrogen atoms Mass of a mole is 17g linked together of water G A mole of atoms Two hydrogen atoms A mixture of hydrogen of hydrogen linked to one oxygen atom and oxygen atoms

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Select all the box(es) where there are statements which are:



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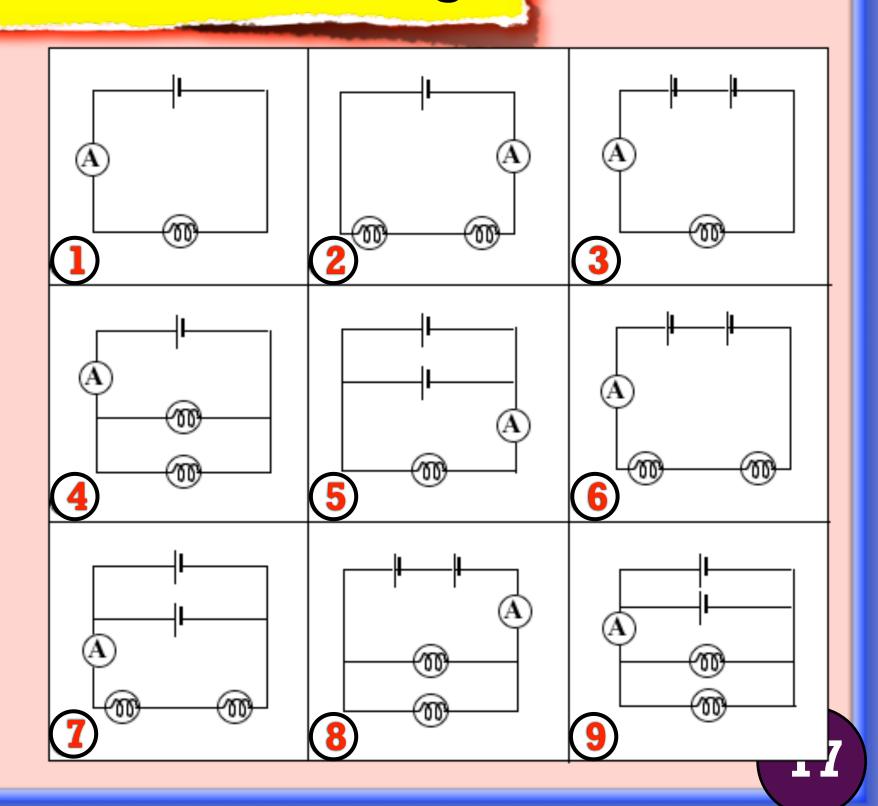
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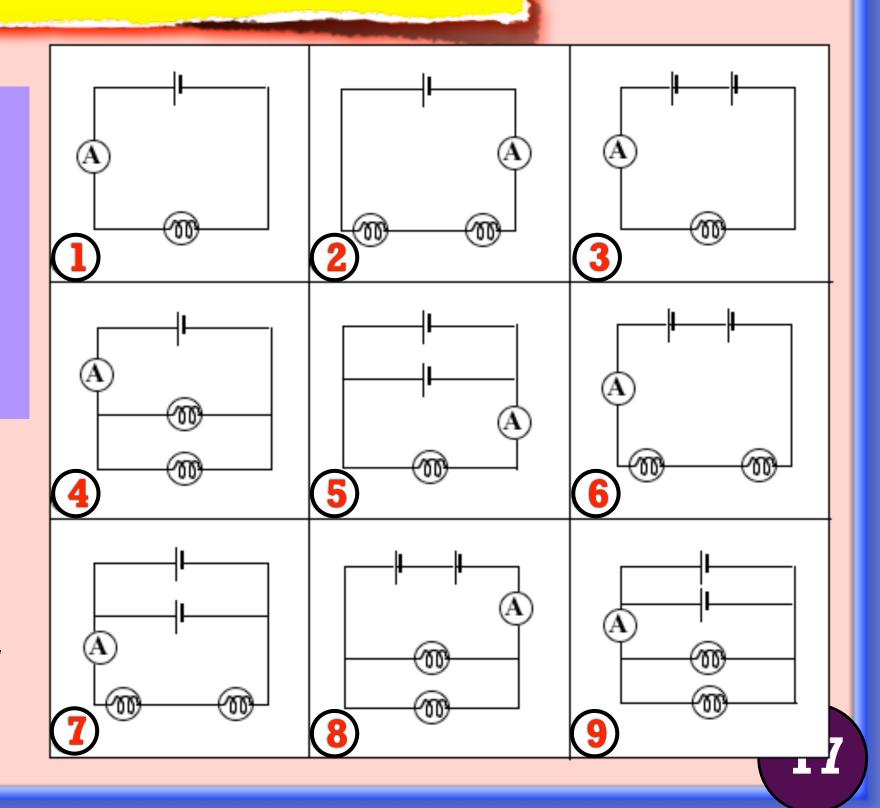
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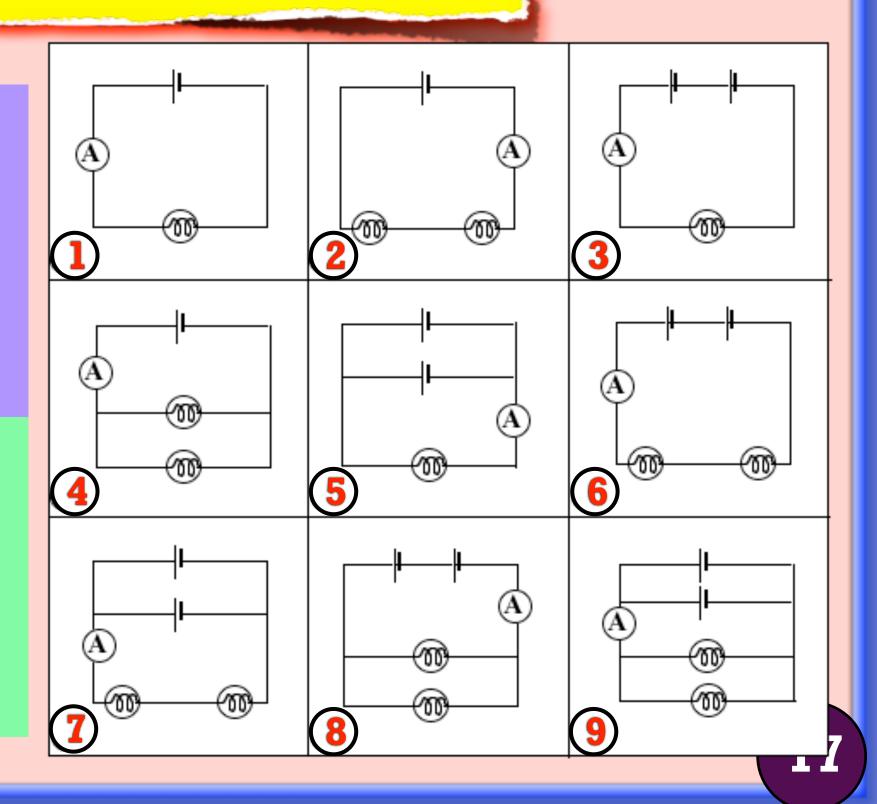
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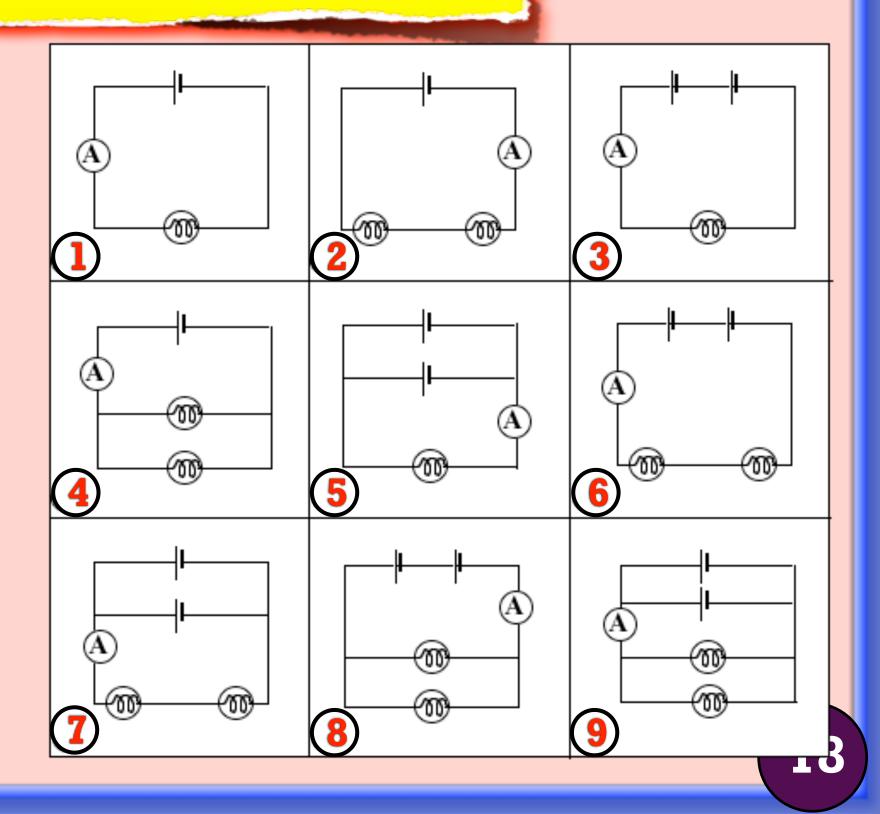
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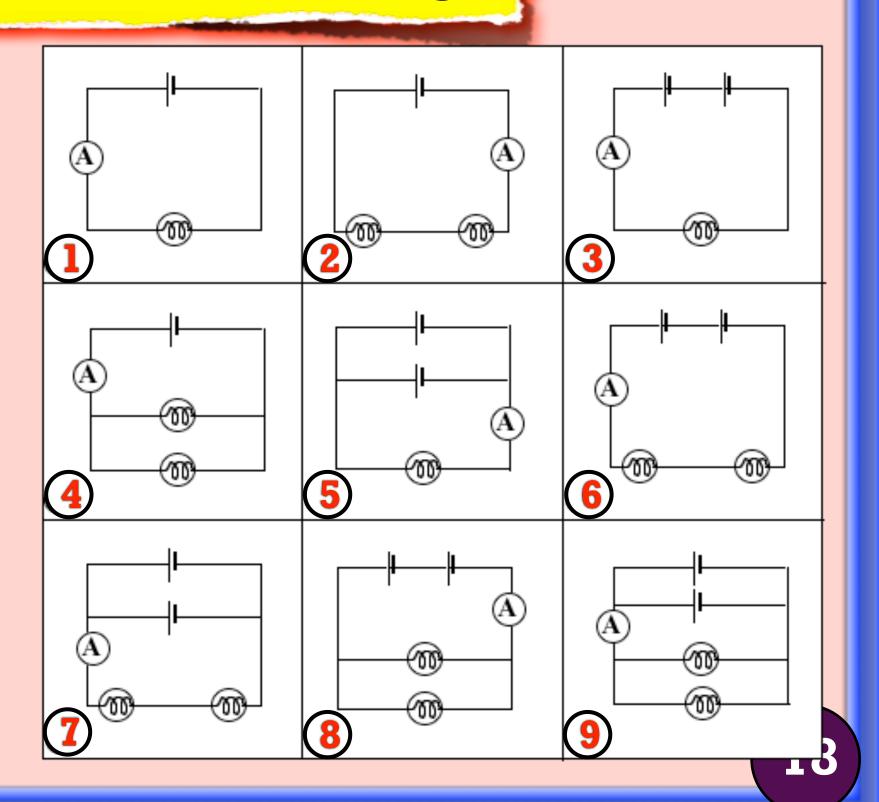
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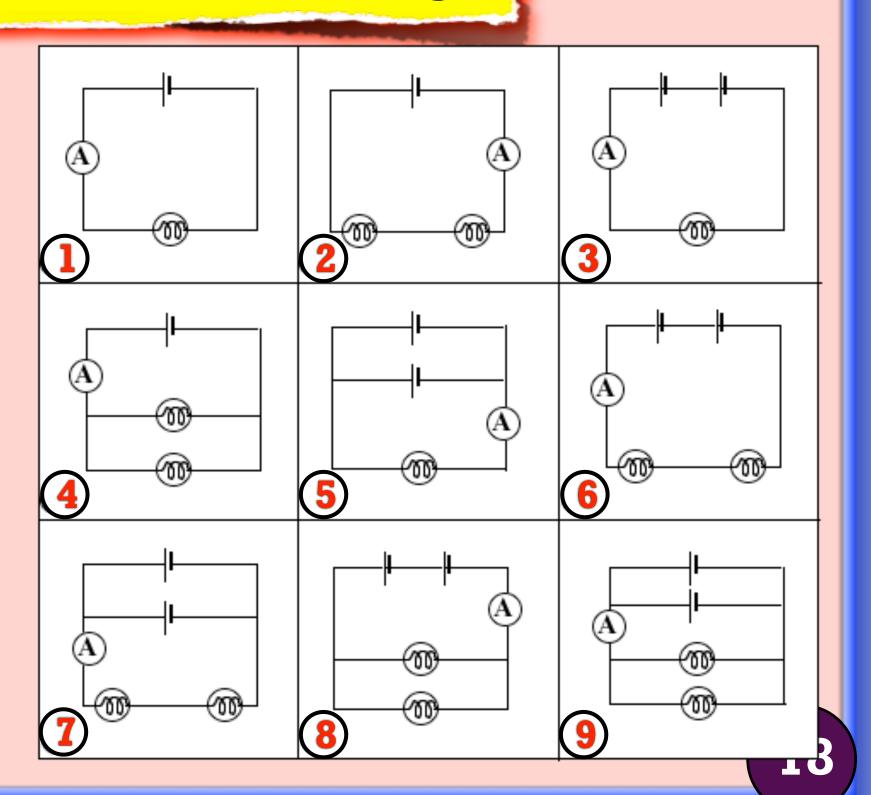




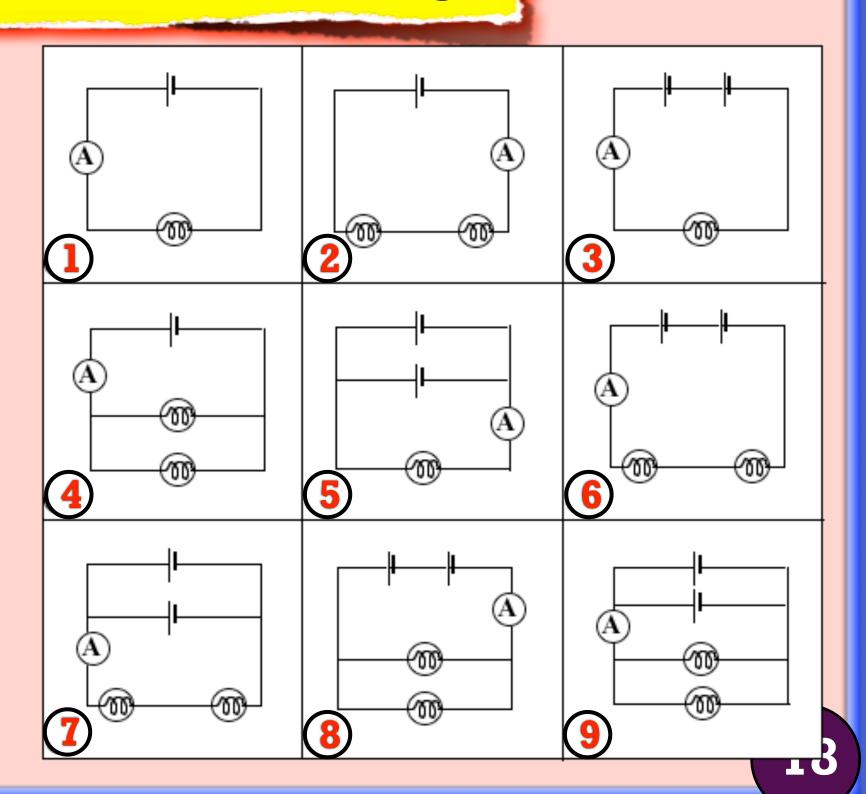
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Structural Communication Grids

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Structural Communication Grids

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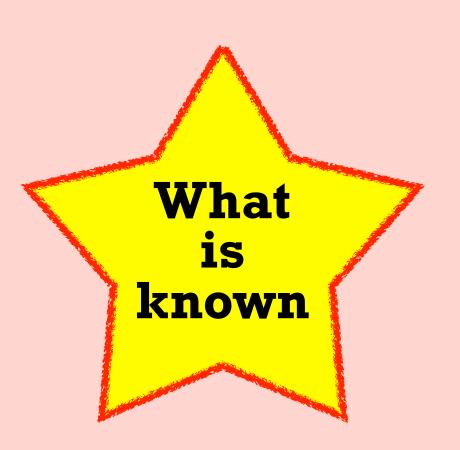
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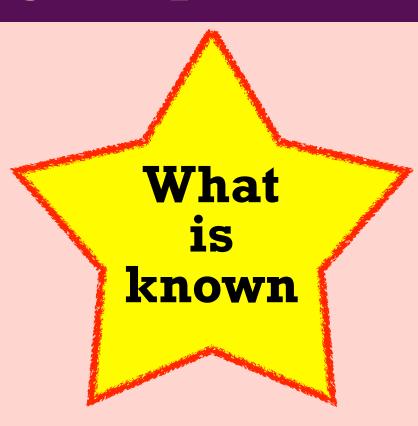




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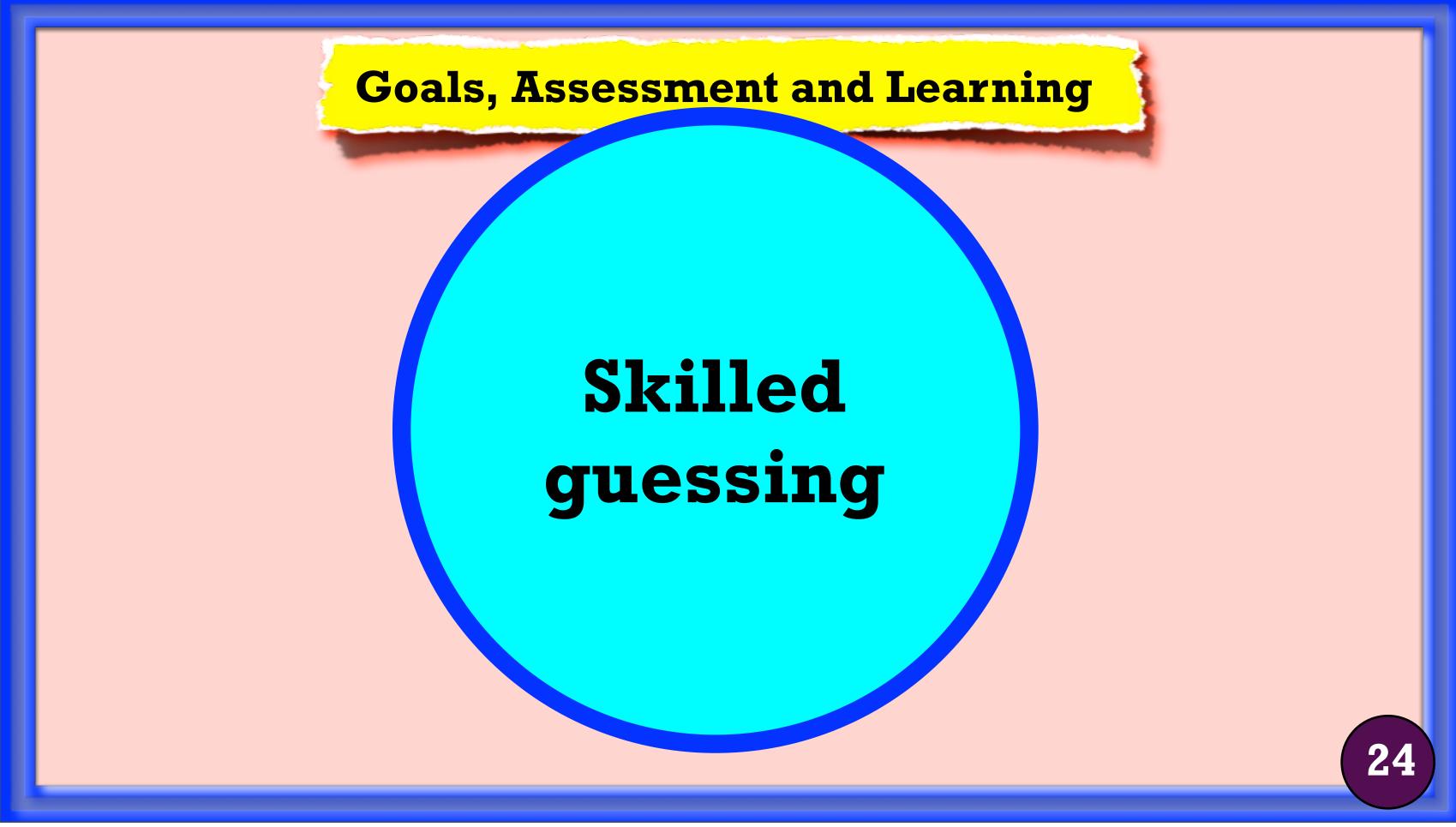
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Performance training possible

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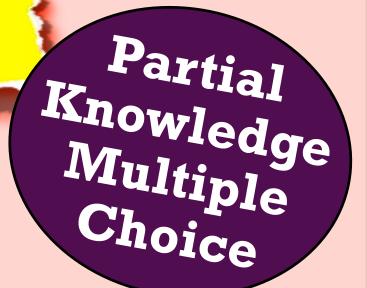
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Some Better Ways Forward



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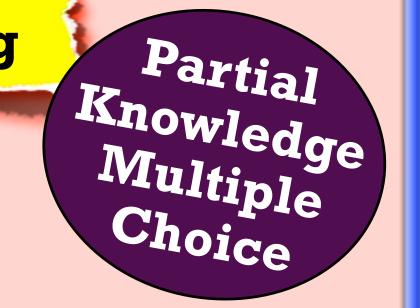


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Consider three answers offered by three students:



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Student 1 Student 2 Student 3

A × ×

 \boldsymbol{B}

C × ×

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Partial Knowledge Multiple Choice

Student 1 Student 2 Student 3

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X

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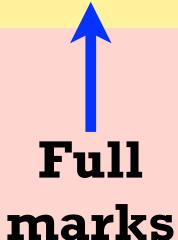
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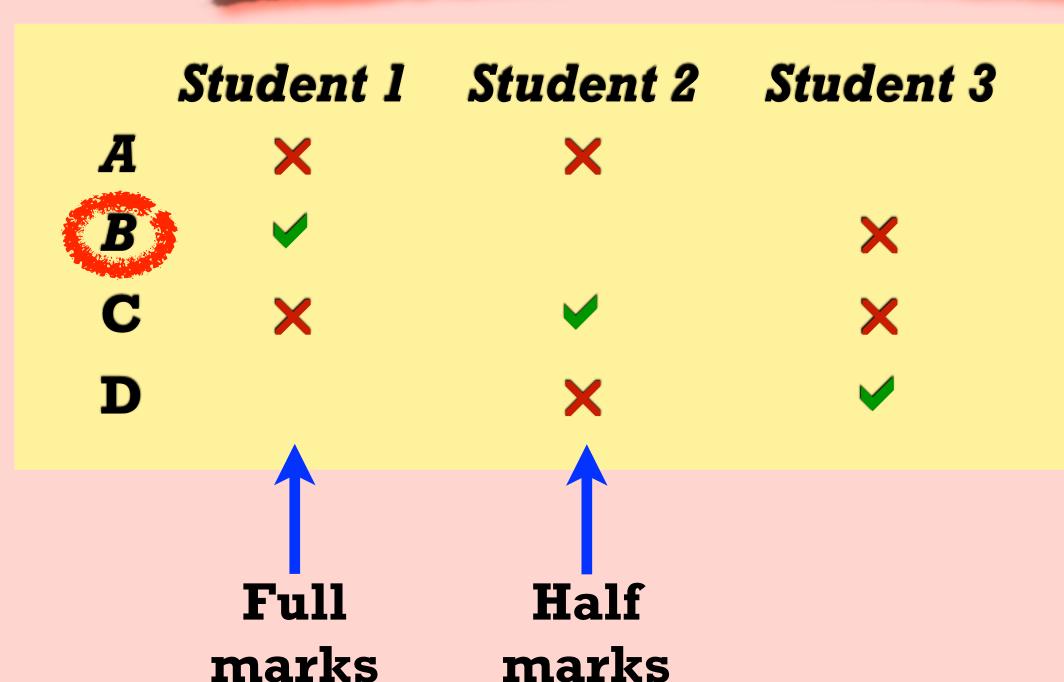
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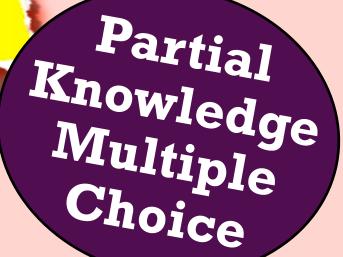
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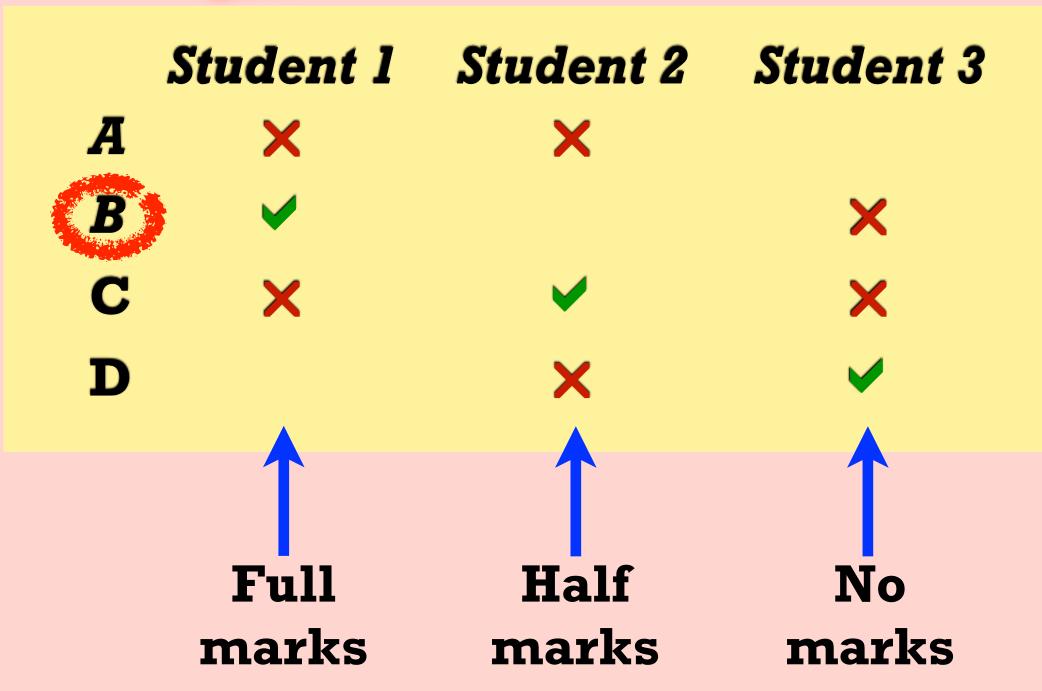
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Partial Knowledge Multiple Choice







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Hydrogen
Strontium
Silver
Iodine

Which of the following elements is likely to react with cold water

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In one sentence, explain why you made your choice









Allocate a topic to each student

Each creates ONE multiple choice question

Their distractors give insights into how they understand the topic or idea

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The significance of the poetry of Ali al-Sharqawi in the culture of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Award up to five marks for

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Diagnosing strengths and weaknesses

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Always think of the learner

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