

 **Title:** *Understanding Grammar and Vocabulary Assessment: What Every Teacher Should Know*

 **YouTube Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8KCuR60nkk>

Overview

This British Council webinar helps teachers understand how to assess grammar and vocabulary effectively. It breaks down key assessment types, scoring criteria, and practical tips for fair and meaningful evaluation.

1. What Is Grammar and Vocabulary Assessment?

Grammar and vocabulary assessments measure learners' ability to use language structures and words accurately and appropriately in different contexts.

2. Key Components

A. Grammar Assessment

- Focus on accuracy of sentence structures, verb forms, tenses, and agreement.
- Can include controlled tasks like fill-in-the-blanks, sentence transformations, and error correction.

B. Vocabulary Assessment

- Tests learners' range, appropriateness, and correct use of words and phrases.
 - Includes matching tasks, multiple-choice questions, gap-fill, and word formation exercises.
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3. Types of Assessment Tasks

- **Controlled Tasks:** Focus on discrete grammar or vocabulary points (e.g., gap-fills).
- **Contextualized Tasks:** Use sentences or texts where grammar/vocab are assessed in meaning-focused contexts.
- **Integrated Tasks:** Assess grammar and vocabulary as part of broader skills like writing or speaking.

4. Designing Effective Assessments

- Clearly define the language points to be assessed.
 - Use tasks that reflect real language use where possible.
 - Avoid testing language points in isolation without context.
 - Balance difficulty to match learner level and assessment purpose.
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5. Scoring and Feedback

- Use clear criteria focused on accuracy and appropriateness.
 - Provide feedback that guides learners on how to improve.
 - Combine formative (ongoing) and summative (final) assessments for best results.
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Summary Table

Aspect	Focus
Grammar Assessment	Accuracy of structures, tenses, agreement
Vocabulary Assessment	Range, appropriateness, word formation
Task Types	Controlled, contextualized, integrated
Design Principles	Clear focus, contextual relevance, balanced difficulty
Feedback	Specific, actionable, formative & summative

Actionable Takeaways for Teachers

1. **Define clear grammar and vocabulary targets** before designing assessments.
2. **Use a variety of task types** to assess both accuracy and use in context.
3. **Provide feedback that helps learners understand mistakes and how to improve.**
4. **Integrate grammar and vocabulary assessment with other language skills** for more meaningful evaluation.

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