

Supporting Pupils with summative assessment tasks

Here are some suggestions to help students manage summative assessments:

- Don't make all the assessment exercises written tests.
- Give a task on the computers or an oral presentation.
- Make sure you have a variety of assessment activities throughout your scheme of work, remember not all pupils learn in the same way. Let pupils mark their own or mark each other's work sometimes.
- Make textbooks and other resources available to pupils, so they can look up anything they want to include but can't remember fully.
- Use music to signal an assessment activity – a tape of a well-known piece of music such as Star Wars.
- Use writing frames for use in an assessment activity.
- Get pupils to write their questions for a quiz, then divide the class into groups and have your own quiz.
- Give out certificates to those who show progress, not just those coming out top. Give a fanfare of music or some sign when these are given out. Make achieving fun.
- Put comments around the class that inform that pupils' doing well is a positive thing and get them to think positively about themselves – improve their self-image.