

Tips for Crafting Rubrics for Learning Feedback Assistants (Short Answer FA, Annotated FA)

NOTE

ShortAnsFA and AFA use generative AI to analyse student responses based on the rubrics provided by the teacher. As its output is probabilistic in nature, it may not always identify feedback areas accurately. Please review the generated feedback before releasing it to students.

Setting up Rubrics

Rubrics may be used for open-ended responses (e.g. Essays). You can set a maximum of 6 bands and 6 criteria, with descriptions of each band.

The screenshot shows the 'Rubrics' setup page. Annotations include:

- Maximum 6 bands:** Points to the 'Band Descriptor' input fields.
- Maximum 6 criteria:** Points to the 'Enter criterion to be assessed' input field.
- Maximum 2000 characters:** Points to the 'Enter description of band' text area.
- MARKS [3]:** Points to the 'MARKS' field at the bottom right, indicating the total possible marks.

Buttons on the right include '+ Add Band', '+ Add Criterion', 'Delete Band', and 'Delete Criterion'. A '+ ADD NEW CRITERION' button is at the bottom.

Sample feedback using Rubrics

The screenshot shows 'Sample English Writing Assignment Rubrics' with two sections:

- A. Content (MARKS: 10):**
 - Band 3: Excellent (9 - 10). Ideas are clear, relevant, and well-developed. Writing is engaging and on-topic.
 - Criterion Feedback: Your story is clear, relevant, and well-developed. The narrative is engaging and stays on-topic throughout, effectively capturing the emotions and events of the talent show.
- B. Language Use (MARKS: 8):**
 - Band 2: Satisfactory (5 - 8). Adequate vocabulary. Some variety in sentence structure. Some grammar errors, but meaning is generally clear.
 - Criterion Feedback: You use an adequate range of vocabulary and sentence structures, which makes your story easy to follow. There are a few minor grammar errors, but they do not affect the overall clarity of your narrative.

Marks allocated by FA by band

Student response is assessed by band and band descriptors

Feedback given by FA according to criterion

Pre-set criterion



Tips for Crafting Rubrics

- 1 Use 'Wide' mode**
Use 'Wide' mode under Appearance Settings to input your rubrics more easily.
- 2 Use whole numbers only**
Marks should be integers (e.g., 1, 2, or 3). ShortAnsFA currently does not support half marks.
- 3 "Do not accept" answers**
Avoid listing unacceptable responses — ShortAnsFA might treat them as valid and mark them incorrectly.
- 4 Student-facing instructions**
Add any task-specific guidance in the Feedback tab, not the rubric, so students see it before attempting the question.
- 5 Hide marks using Teacher-marked Quiz**
To hide marks for assessment for learning, use a Teacher-marked quiz
- 6 Use Data Assistant**
To analyse ShortAnsFA feedback for insights, use Data Assistant.



Tips for Crafting Suggested Answers for Learning Feedback Assistants (Short Answer FA, Annotated FA)

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Setting up Suggested Answers

Suggested Answers may be used for close-ended questions with a fixed answer key.

Suggested Answer
Feedback
Teacher Comments

☒ Suggested Answer

(1 mark): Clothes were not in her favourite colour / material.
(1 mark): Clothes were [passed on] from her sister to her.

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- 1 Mark Allocation**
Write mark allocation as:
(1 mark): Idea 1
(1 mark): Idea 2
- 2 Alternative Answers**
Use slash / for alternative answers for the same point.

Leave a space before and after the dash.
- 3 Use of brackets**
Use circular brackets () to indicate marks, and square brackets [] to indicate keywords.

✚ Tips for Crafting Suggested Answers

- 1 Avoid overlap in ideas**
The marking may be inaccurate when multiple points have similar meanings.
- 2 Do not allocate half marks**
All marks should be integers (e.g. 1, 2 or 3) as the FAs do not recognise 0.5 marks.
- 3 Avoid "Do not accept"**
Do not include unacceptable answers as it might confuse the FA and be mistaken for acceptable answers.
- 4 Keep answers succinct**
Keep the answers clear and remove any connective words (e.g. "and", "or", "because").
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