

TDA37-1.2 Summarise the difference between formative and summative assessment.

The difference between formative and summative assessment is that formative assessments are a constant reminders of progress or verbal feedback e.g at the end of a handwriting lesson where you would give feedback to the child and suggest next steps.

You may also use formative assessment at the end of a guided reading session where you would give the child verbal feedback.

Formative assessment is where the teacher or teaching assistant constantly assess the child's understandings and next steps using information available this can be written or spoken.

Summative assessment is a test of what the child knows at that point in time. E.g Early Learning Profile, phonics screening, ks1 and ks2 SATs.

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