Assessment Task Bank
Professional Development

Developing Assessment Tasks
Who needs tasks

• Students

• Teachers

• Task Bank
HERE WE GO, WHAT IS A LAKE?

MS. HARRIS... YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A LAKE IS?!
Designing assessment tasks for the CSWE

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PD Workshop Kits

**Kit 1** - to raise awareness of key issues in assessment task design, using a modified reading task from the online Task Bank

**Kit 2** - to enable teachers to check the quality of their own tasks, includes guidelines for modifying and piloting tasks.

**Kit 3** - to enable teachers to develop new assessment tasks from authentic materials.
CSWE 2008

Assessment Task Bank

About the Assessment Task Bank
- What is the Assessment Task Bank?
- What's New in the Assessment Task Bank?
- Development of the Assessment Task Bank
- Accuracy of the Assessment Task Bank
- Send Us Your Tasks
- Contact Us

CSWE 2003 Assessment Tasks to Download

CSWE 2008 Assessment Tasks to Download

Professional Development Kit for Developing an Assessment Task

National Working Group
- About the National Working Group
- Restricted section for Members of the National Working Group (Login required)
PD Materials

• Key issues in task design

Background literature

Pedagogic theory

Validity

Reliability

and
Practicality

Yawn... AHHGG... I need a break from marking!

You deserve it, Miss Sweet! How 'bout no marking for the rest of the year!

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Maclean
Key issues cont.

• Material selection

• Steps in writing tasks

• Snares and Pitfalls
Rubrics

MR. SAUER, THESE ARE THE LONGEST INSTRUCTIONS I EVER HEARD FOR A SHORT STORY!!
Snares and Pitfalls

NO... DON'T LOOK! DON'T LOOK! IF YOU LOOK AT IT YOU'LL HAVE TO WRITE ABOUT IT!!
Key issues cont.

• Items types and Questions
Key issues cont.

- Evaluation and piloting
- Analysis Grid
- Task Evaluation Sheet
Key issues cont.

• Checklists

• Copyright consent forms
Interactive

• Navigable pdf

• Hyperlinks

• PDF presentation option
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• Professional Development in Assessment Task Design:
Guidelines for assessing reading skills in the Certificates in Spoken and Written English

• http://www.ameprc.mq.edu.au/docs/research_reports/Prof._Develop._task_design.pdf
Conclusion

Acknowledgement: cartoons by Rod Maclean, adapted from

www.justkiddingcartoons.com
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Interactive, self-access materials include:

- Key issues in task design
- The steps in selecting materials and writing tasks
- Writing the questions
- Snares and pitfalls
- Guidelines to task evaluation and piloting
- Checklists
- Copyright permission forms

Available on the AMEP RC Website soon!
www.ameprc.mq.edu.au