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The TALOE web tool- which e-assessment strategies to choose?

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What are we going to talk about?

- TALOE web tool – how to decide on the e-assessment strategies to use in online courses
 - how to use it?
 - what is the theoretical background of the tool?
 - who has prepared the tool?

So, let's see what it is about!





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What can you do with the tool?

- Check if the existing assessment methods in courses are in line with the stated learning outcomes
- Use it as help in decision on the most appropriate assessment methods for the new course or module



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How to use TALOE web tool

<http://taloetool.up.pt/>

The screenshot shows the TALOE webtool interface. At the top, there is a header with the TALOE logo and the text 'TIME TO ASSESS LEARNING OUTCOMES IN E-LEARNING'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: 'About TALOE Webtool', 'Ask for Assessment Advice', 'Writing Learning Outcomes', 'Assessment Methods', 'Case Studies', and 'Help'. There is also a search bar. The main content area is titled 'About TALOE Webtool' and contains the following text:

Welcome to the TALOE webtool that will help you decide which e-assessment strategies to use in your online courses. The tool can be used in two ways:

- Check if the existing assessment methods in existing course are in line with the stated learning outcomes
- Help you make decisions on the most appropriate assessment method for the new course or module

The webtool consists of the matrix that aligns the six categories of the cognitive process dimension and relative cognitive processes with the six categories of the general assessment (based on the ALOA model) each with subcategories.

How to use the webtool

The TALOE webtool will guide you through two steps that will help you to better define your learning outcomes and to decide adequate assessment strategies for each learning outcome.

Step 1
During this stage you will be asked to describe the Learning Outcomes you want your students to achieve. Please keep in mind that the Learning Outcomes should be described in a clear way and kept simple. If you have difficulties with this stage, or you wish to learn more about how you can better write learning outcomes please go to the section [Writing Learning Outcomes](#).

Step 2
After defining your learning outcome you will be asked to choose the verb/verbs that best describe it.

Go through the process and receive the assessment advice for your course!

On the right side of the page, there are links for 'Submit your feedback!', 'TALOE Project', and 'Recent News' (with a sub-link '3rd TALOE Newsletter is now available').



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Write your learning outcome

The screenshot shows the 'Ask for Assessment Advice' page on the TALOE webtool. The page has a dark navigation bar with links: 'About TALOE Webtool', 'Ask for Assessment Advice', 'Writing Learning Outcomes', 'Assessment Methods', 'Case Studies', and 'Help'. A search bar is on the right. The main content area is titled 'Ask for Assessment Advice' and contains two steps:

Step 1: Choose the learning outcome you want your students to achieve. You can write the learning outcome in the box below.

The text 'explain the difference between metals and non-metals' is entered in the text box.

Step 2: Please select from one or more of the tabs below the verb or the verbs (maximum 3) that better describes the Learning Outcome:

The tabs are: Remember, Understand, Apply, Analyze, Evaluate, Create. The 'Understand' tab is currently selected.

Below the tabs are two checkboxes:

- Recognizing – Locating knowledge in long-term memory that is consistent with presented material
- Recalling – Retrieving relevant knowledge from long-term memory


A 'Check assessment methods' button is at the bottom.

On the right side of the page, there are links for 'Submit your feedback!', 'TALOE Project', 'Recent News' (with a sub-link '3rd TALOE Newsletter is now available'), and 'TALOE Assessment Platform > Ask for Assessment Advice'.



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Select three verbs that describe the LO



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Ask for Assessment Advice

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explain the difference between metals and non-metals

Step 2: Please select from one or more of the tabs below the verb or the verbs (maximum 3) that better describes the Learning Outcome:

Remember

Understand

Apply

Analyze

Evaluate

Create

- Interpreting – Changing from one form of representation to another
- Exemplifying – Finding a specific example or illustration of a concept or principle
- Classifying – Determining that something belongs to a category
- Summarizing – Abstracting a general theme or a major point
- Inferring – Drawing a logical conclusion from presented information
- Comparing – Detecting correspondences between two ideas, objects or the like
- Explaining – Constructing a cause-and-effect model of a system

Check assessment methods

Submit your feedback!


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Results

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Results

This is your learning outcome:

explain the difference between metals and non-metals

You consider that the verbs that better describe the Learning Outcome are: *Classifying Comparing Explaining*

Based on the information provided, we suggest the following e-assessment methods:

- ### 1. MCQ Understand

Response requires recall of more than one correct item of information, may involve a number of unconnected items. Test item asks to compare, contrast, demonstrate, interpret, explain, extend, illustrate, infer, outline, relate, rephrase, translate, summarize, show, classify.
- ### 2. Reflective practice – reflective observation

In the 'Reflective Observation' stage the student will describe and critically reviews his learning experience. He will analyze and make judgments of his performance. Other students, teachers or employers might make contributions regarding observation and judgment.
- ### 3. Essay – Assertion

The student is given a statement and is expected to examine the pros and cons, focusing on evidence in favour and against it. The student will interpret the statement and will recall relevant knowledge, including evidence and examples that support or not the statement. He will organize his arguments and at the end he will probably make some judgment on the statement.

For more information regarding the recommended methods please check the section [Assessment methods](#).

[Submit your feedback!](#)

[TALOE Project](#)

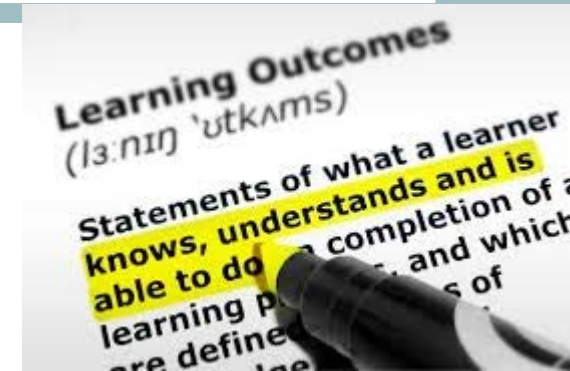
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[TALOE Assessment Platform > Results](#)



About learning outcomes



- A learning outcome (LO) is the specification of what a student should learn as the result of a period of specified and supported study
- Outcomes are usually expressed as knowledge, skills, or attitudes
- They can be defined at different levels:
 - LO of the study programme
 - LO of the course
 - LO of the module



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Learning Outcomes should be



Stated from the student's position

- *Student will understand the nine reasons for conducting a need assessment*
- *Student will be able to explain advantages and disadvantages of on-line communication*

Observable and measurable

- *Student will be able to list nine reasons for conducting a need assessment*
- *Student will be able to summarize three major groups of learning theories and their representatives/authors of some theories*

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Constructive alignment

- a principle used for devising teaching and learning activities, and assessment tasks, that directly address the learning outcomes intended in a way not typically achieved in traditional lectures, tutorial classes and examinations (Biggs and Tang, 2011).
- Approach where planning of the course starts with clear vision of learning outcomes
- LO of the course should be aligned with content and activities in course and with assessment methods



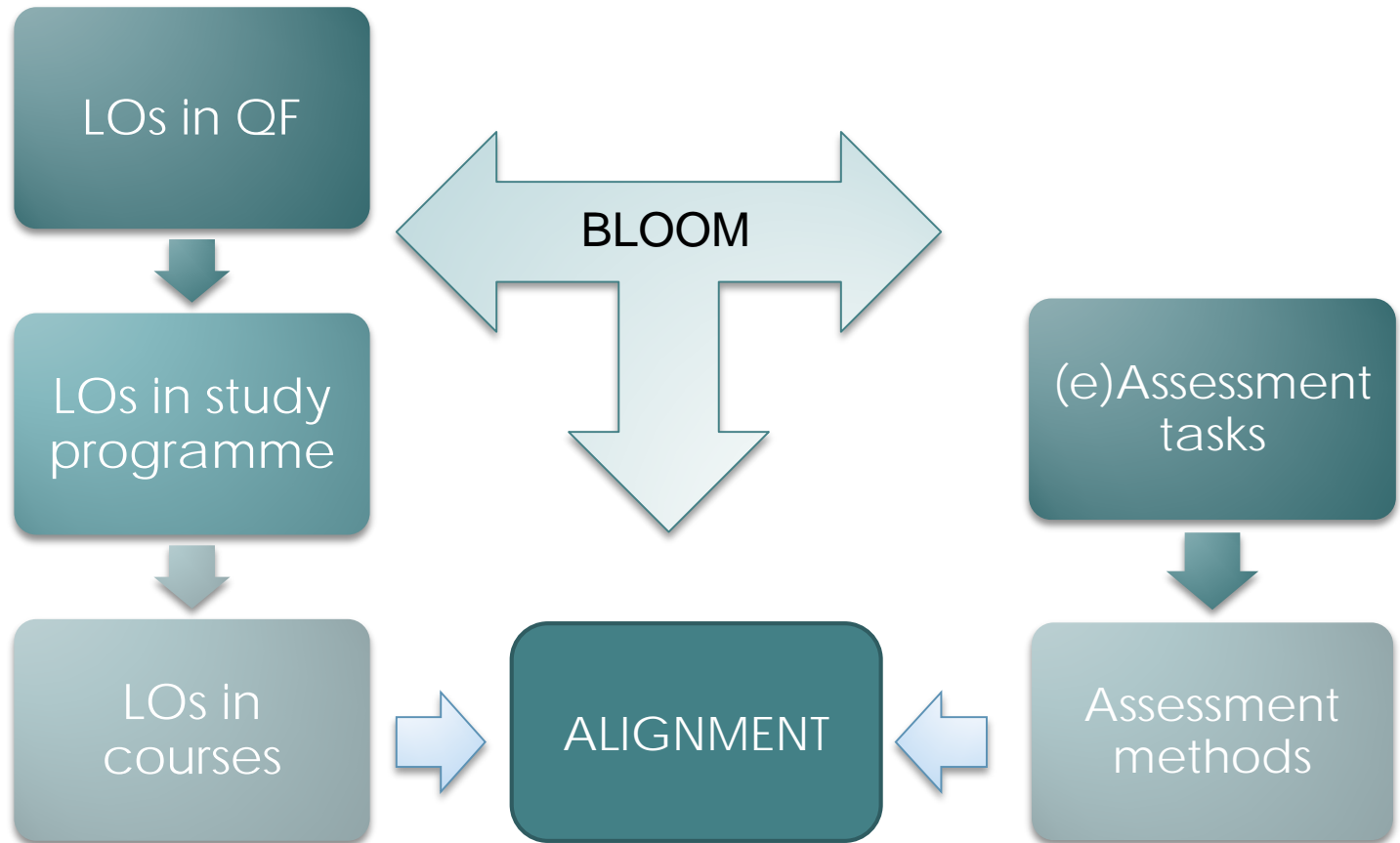
*What do we
hope students will learn?*

*How do we know that
they have learned?*

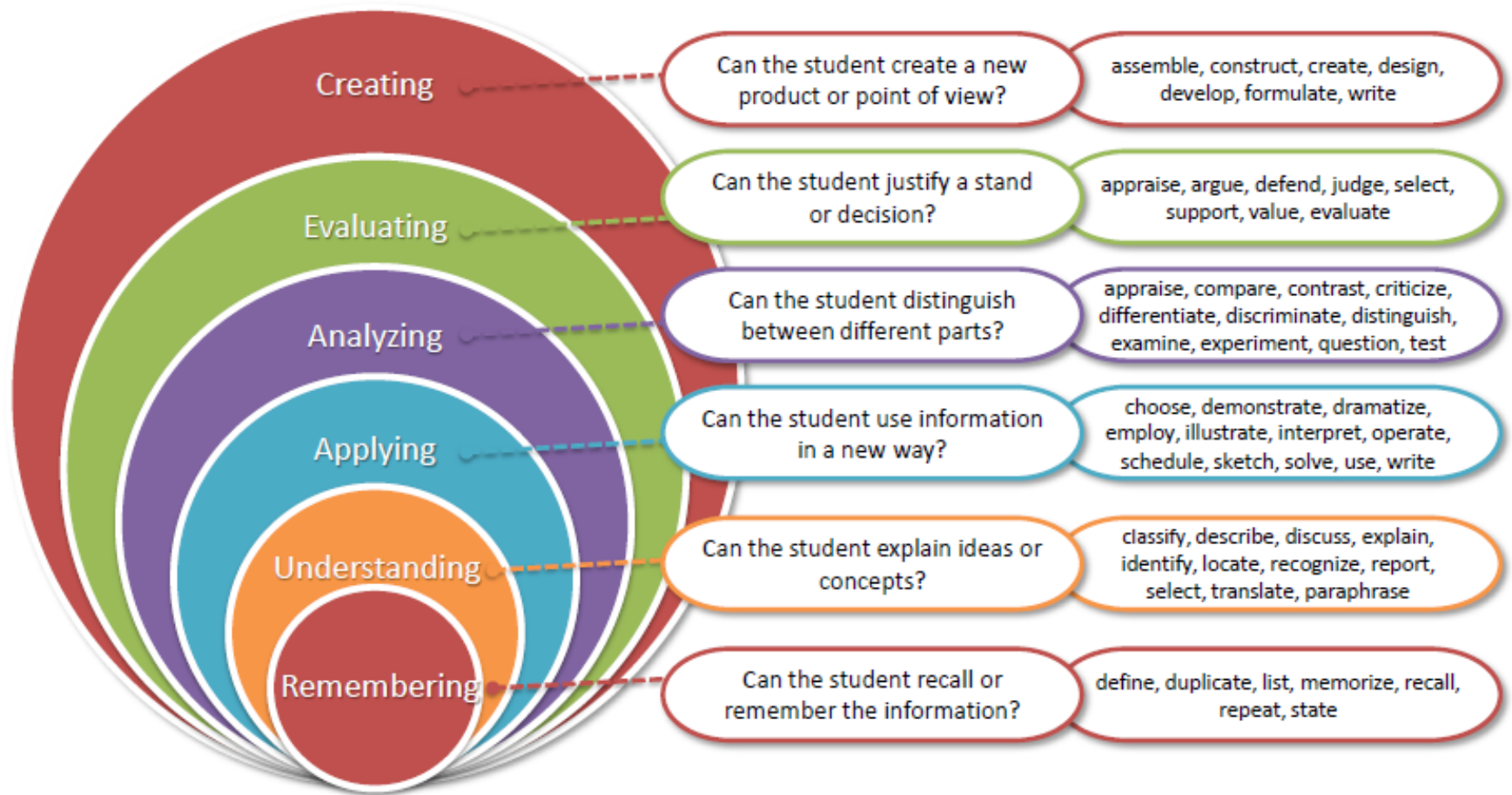
The ALOA conceptual model



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Bloom's Taxonomy (Revised)





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The cognitive process dimension – categories, cognitive processes

lower order thinking skills				higher order thinking skills	
remember	understand	apply	analyze	evaluate	create
recognizing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifying recalling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> retrieving 	interpreting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clarifying paraphrasing representing translating exemplifying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> illustrating instantiating classifying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> categorizing subsuming summarizing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> abstracting generalizing inferring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> concluding extrapolating interpolating predicting comparing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contrasting mapping matching explaining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> constructing models 	executing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> carrying out implementing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> using 	differentiating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discriminating distinguishing focusing selecting organizing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding coherence integrating outlining parsing structuring attributing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> deconstructing 	checking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> coordinating detecting monitoring testing critiquing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> judging 	generating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hypothesizing planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> designing producing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> constructing

(Table adapted from Anderson and Krathwohl, 2001, pp. 67–68.)



E-assessment - definition

- e-Assessment is the end-to-end electronic assessment processes where ICT is used for the presentation of assessment activity, and the recording of responses. This includes the end-to-end assessment process from the perspective of learners, tutors, learning establishments, awarding bodies and regulators, and the general public. (JISC/QCA)
- e-assessment refers to assessment methods and practices that emphasize the role of information technology relative to measuring students' learning.



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Advantages of e-assessment

- immediate feedback to students,
- allows rehearsal and revision,
- immediate feedback to staff,
- allows evaluation of a course's strengths and weaknesses,
- can be linked to other computer-based or online materials.



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You might also be interested in...

- **Talks on E-assessment and Learning Outcomes** – series of webinars organised by TALOE
 - [Content analysis and critical thinking – An Assessment Study](#) by Antonella Poce
 - [Assessment Strategy: Managing and Supporting Assessment Designers](#) by James Brunton and Elain Walsh
 - [Reflections on collaborative assessment: materiality, dialogue and group connoisseurship](#) by Clara O'Shea and Tim Fawns
 - [A journey through the assessment and feedback landscape: from principles to effective practice](#) by Dr. Gill Ferrell
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 - [Be aware what you are asking for! Assessment criteria and analytics](#) by Blaženka Divjak



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