



Pedagogical Assessment of: No More Marking

Modern Tool Rating: 4.5

Website: www.nomoremarking.com

Usage

No More Marking is a comparative judgement tool that produces an evaluation by consulting experts. These experts will evaluate the work and mark it independently. Once they have judged it, the tool will create a final metric by using their decisions.

Ease of Access

This tool is accessed through the website and the user login (which is required for use). As it is a web application, access to Internet is mandatory to use No More Marking.

No More Marking is relatively simple to use. However, the work must first be uploaded and then sent to online judges for assessment. When this has been completed, the application will automatically create the results generating for example a scale. These results can be downloaded from their website so the user will be able to use it offline.

Pedagogical Assessment

No More Marking is a useful tool that allows teachers to mark more accurately by receiving the help of professionals in the area; providing a further opportunity for collaboration and networking between educators.

Although students work needs to be firstly uploaded, this tool can help to reduce the time allocated to marking. No More Marking also ensures greater factuality and accuracy in marking (due to the creation of a scale); In addition, teachers will be able to prove that the rubric used to evaluate is fair (supported by other professionals), helping to avoid negative student opinion towards a marker.

Reviews

“We have found that experienced teachers can mark very accurately with NMM, as long as they actually professionally engage in the marking. We have had a few of the teachers simply click through the essays with median marking times of about a second or below. The great thing about the system is that these teachers can be identified and their marks removed. In some cases, these teachers were asked to remark the essays, and those who did, did so with good results. So far, my experience is that NMM is one of the most promising new technologies in Education to come out in many years.”

Paul Jaquith (Manager, Languages Development and Analysis, The Abu Dhabi Centre for Technical & Vocational Education & Training.)¹

“As a headteacher (or any other leader) the ability to see so many pieces of work quickly is amazing... let alone making judgements and contributing to a process! Through doing CJ (comparative judgment) for our year 6 over what amounts to about an hour, not only do I have an idea about how they are performing, but I also know they have issues with tenses, capitalisation of proper nouns and over use of adjectives”.

Paul Lavis (Principal)

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Advantages

- The information is held securely as the media files are all stored in the Amazon S3 cloud (Ireland) and only accessed via ssl.
- It is supported by many browsers: Chrome, firefox, Opera and Internet explorer.
- It can help to measure things that are typically hard.
- It allows users to compare standards within a class.
- Being able to compare standards also provides the teacher with a further opportunity to explain/identify characteristics of an effective answer.

Disadvantages

- This e-learning tool requires an extra effort of putting all papers online.
- it is a new tool that hasn't received much support in the education industry to date.
- During the judging, some errors can be introduced by judges unwillingly.

Conclusion

This tool helps to ensure greater accuracy and consistency in marking. Although subjective opinions influence a markers assessment of an answer, the way in which work is assessed using NoMoreMarking tends to be accurate as this involves consultation between professionals and a scale which is used as marking is completed.