

Working with exemplars

Explanation

In this exercise, you'll compare and improve your assignment using examples. During the session, you'll go through several steps, after which you can use the insights you gain to improve your assignment.

In advance

After you've completed your assignment, but before you begin the exercise, it's a good idea to reflect on how the writing went. Answer the following questions below:

- To what extent are you satisfied with your assignment and why?
- What went well about the assignment?
- What did you find difficult and what challenges did you face?
- If you could have talked to an expert while writing, what feedback would you have sought? Try to make your request as specific as possible.

The exercise

Complete the following steps. Only proceed to the next step once you've completed the previous one.

Please complete the questions below.

- What criteria do you think a good assignment should meet? Use the rubric to answer this question.

An example of a quality criterion for a text structure component could be: "By using signal words well, the text flows smoothly and is easy to read."

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Now you'll analyze the two examples using the four criteria. For each criterion, write down the quality: excellent, good, average, weak. Also write down your reasons for this. Use the tables on the next page for this.

After this, analyze your own work in the same way.

The assignment (continued)

Example 1		
Criterion	Quality (excellent, good, average, weak)	Explanation

The assignment (continued)




Example 2		
Criterion	Quality (excellent, good, average, weak)	Explanation

The assignment (continued)

Own work		
Criterion	Quality (excellent, good, average, weak)	Explanation

The assignment (continued)

In this step, you'll rank the examples and your own work from strongest to weakest, and try to justify your arguments. What makes one text better than another? What is your judgment based on?

Position	Title	Explanation
		
		
		

After the exercise

After completing the exercise, answer the following questions about your assignment:

What strengths did you find and why?
Name at least two.

What areas for improvement did you find and why? Name at least two.

What concrete action points and/or improvements are you going to implement?