

Mastery Objectives

A mastery objective is what the students should know and be able to do in terms of the academic curriculum.

The language of a mastery objective

- begins with “students (or you) will be able to...”
- is kid friendly
- is specific in terms of curricular knowledge (declarative or procedural)
- names active performance (observable behavior) that demonstrates mastery
- avoids the following words:

understand	know
see that	recognize that
recognize the importance of	learn
be familiar with	have a grasp of
- includes strong clues about assessment

Mastery objectives should be appropriate, i.e.

- linked to standards, indicators
- worth knowing
- matched to students (challenging and attainable)
- assessable
- time-bound (limited to the single lesson)

Mastery Objective?	
Yes	No
Students will be able to identify the signs and symptoms of an eating disorder and explain appropriate strategies if a friend or family member shows symptoms.	Students will understand strategies for helping people with eating disorders.
You will be able to determine the solubility curve for oxygen at various temperatures.	Students will be able to design a colony that can sustain life on Mars.
Spanish II students will be able to apply the rules for stem-changing in the subjunctive.	You will learn how to ask “what if” questions.

Mastery Objective?			
Students Will Be Able To	Yes	No, Because...	Revised Objective
describe how geography encouraged the development of isolated city-states and overseas trade in ancient Greece.			
understand that erosion has several causes including running water.			
describe the graph of a non-linear function and discuss its appearance in terms of the basic concepts of maxima and minima, zeros (roots), rate of change, domain and range, and continuity.			
complete a worksheet on the Civil Rights movement after viewing the videotape <i>Eyes on the Prize</i> .			
identify the qualities of a leader as proposed by Cicero in <i>Essays</i> and evaluate the effectiveness of those qualities in today's society.			