### What is Feedback?

In teaching, feedback refers to comments or other information that learners receive concerning their success on learning tasks or test, either from the teacher or other person.

### Positive and Negative Feedback

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### How to Give Effective Feedback

- **Use affirmation** with all students, but make sure you are affirming their performance rather than praising them as people.
- **Use correct and direct feedback** to help inexperienced and struggling students with a particular task.
- **Point out the process** when you want to help your students use your feedback to complete similar tasks in the future.
- **Coach** experienced and gifted students to critique themselves.

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