



## HANDOUT 5.3.2 – Your Turn

### Effective Feedback: Is It Or Isn't It?

**Directions:** Read each of the scenarios below. After you have read each one, decide in small groups if you think it shows an example of effective feedback. Why or why not?

#### *Scenario 1*

A middle-school science teacher began her lesson by asking students to respond to a question that she posed focused on the big idea of the previous lesson. The question was sufficiently targeted that students could write their answer on a Post-It note, which they placed on the white board at the front of the class once they were finished. The teacher then led the class through a discussion of these responses (without revealing who wrote each one) to categorize them as demonstrating emerging, maturing or consolidated understandings of the big idea from the previous lesson. Through this process, it became clear to everyone that the class as a whole was still struggling to various degrees with the concept. She then provided her students with pointers about what they could do next, depending on the category of their response, to develop their thinking further.

#### *Scenario 2*

A high school mathematics teacher has been using an online mathematics-learning tool with her students. She had asked them to complete one section of the overall task at home for homework, and prior to the class was able to review their responses. She saw that all students had responded appropriately to all of the questions within the section. However, she spent the first 20 minutes of the class reviewing each of these questions before proceeding to the next section of the task.

#### *Scenario 3*

During a unit on examining literary technique and author's style, the teacher administers weekly quizzes that address all of the material covered for that week. The quizzes are supposed to motivate students to study for the summative unit test as well as provide students with a sample of the types of questions they may encounter on the unit test. Each week, the students are given the scores from their quiz and the teacher moves on to the next week's material.