

Descriptive or Not Descriptive? That Is the Question!

Math Focus

Content listings serve as a Table of "Content." It is important that the map writer or writers include descriptors concerning "what a student must know" so that map readers are properly informed and do not have to guess or read through the skill statement(s) to determine the Content's key learning expectation.

Look at the sample content listings in the first column. Indicate if each one is a quality recording or needs revision in the second column. If in need of revision, write your suggested revision(s) in the last column.

Content Statement Key Noun: Descriptor(s) <i>Noun Term: Focus(es)</i>	Quality Descriptors? <i>Write Yes, No, or Almost.</i> <i>Explain Reasoning.</i>	Not-Yet Quality Descriptors? <i>How would you recommend the content be revised?</i> <i>Please write your sample revision.</i>
Addition/Subtraction: 1 or 2 Digits With Regrouping		
Number Sets		
Tell Time		
2-Dimensional Shapes: Square, Rectangle, Triangle, Circle		
Money: 1¢ to \$1.00		
Patterns: No More Than Three Attributes		
Measuring		
2-D Shape Transformations: Translation, Rotation, Reflection		

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Addition/Subtraction: 1 or 2 Digits With Regrouping	<i>Yes</i> Quality Noun Phrase: Descriptor	
Number Sets	<i>No</i> No descriptor	Number Sets: 0-10
Tell Time	<i>No</i> Should not be a verb; no descriptor	Time: Hour, ½ Hour Time: Elapsed
2-Dimensional Shapes: Square, Rectangle, Triangle, Circle	<i>Yes</i> Quality Noun Phrase: Descriptor	
Money: 1¢ To \$1.00	<i>Almost</i> Possibly include monetary forms or concept of coin sets	Money: Penny, Nickel, Dime, Quarter/Up To \$1.00 Money: Mixed Coin Sets/Up To \$1.00
Patterns: No More Than Three Attributes	<i>Almost</i> Three should be a numeral not a number word	Patterns: No More Than 3 Attributes
Measuring	<i>No</i> Should not be a verb; no descriptor	US Linear Units: Inch, Foot, Yard Metric Mass: Kilogram
2-D Shape Transformations: Translation, Rotation, Reflection	<i>Yes</i> Quality Noun Phrase: Descriptor	

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