# Chapter 1. Measurement's Importance to Educational Leaders

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# Definitions

#### • Measurement:

a process by which educators use students' responses to specially created or naturally occurring stimuli in order to make inferences about students' knowledge, skills, or affective status.

#### Assessment

a process by which educators use students' responses to specially created or naturally occurring stimuli in order to make inferences about students' knowledge, skills, or affective status

#### Testing

a process by which educators use students' responses to specially created or naturally occurring stimuli in order to make inferences about students' knowledge, skills, or affective status

#### What to measure

- Knowledge: how many of 500 hard-to-spell words a student can spell correctly from memory
- Skills: a students' ability to make a successful extemporaneous oral presentation to classmates after only forty minutes of preparation time
- Affective Status: students' attitudes toward specific subjects such as math, science, or art

#### Why we need assessment

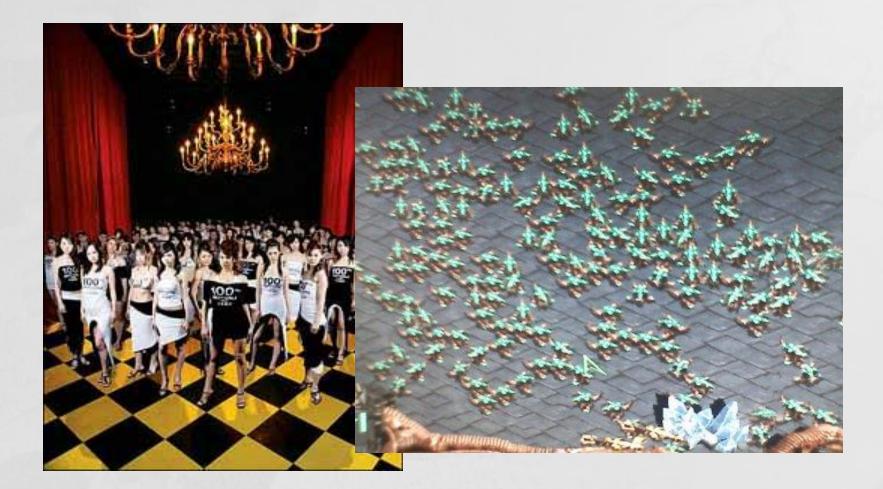
- For decision-making
- But problem: Elusive to assess
- Inference =

Interpretation

Domain of Knowledge, Skills, affect

An assessment

# Sampling

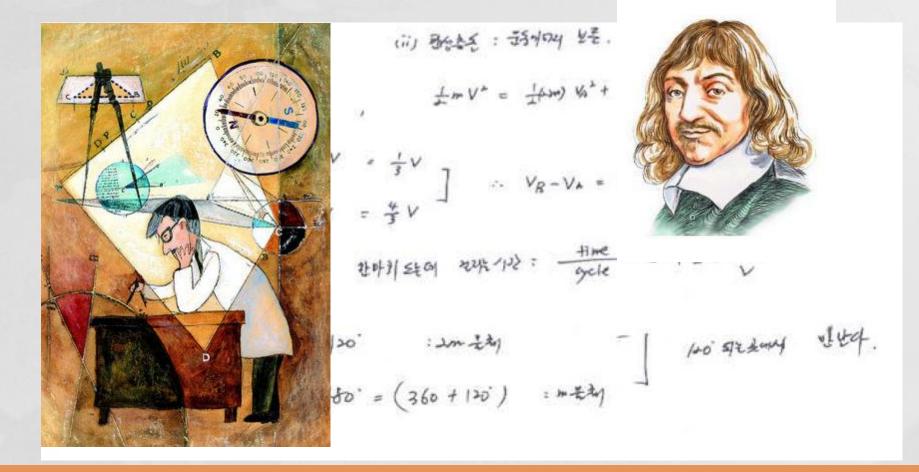


### Who are educational leaders?

Educators whose decisions influence the decision of others who are responsible for educating students

# What you don't need to know

#### Assessment operation



# What you need to know

1. Indicators of educational effectiveness



# What you need to know (cont.)

# BUT!!

# Test score $\neq$ quality of education

# What you need to know (cont.)

2. Assessment as an ally to instruction

# Assessment helps Teaching

# What you need to know (cont.)

Assessing

1. entry behaviors

2. en-route monitoring

3. closing the sequence

# **Two Assessment Emphases**

1. an understanding of the proper and improper uses of test results as indicators of educational effectiveness

2. an understanding of the ways that test results, and tests themselves, can improve the caliber of classroom instruction

**1. IMPROVING INSTRUCTION** 

2. EVALUATING EDUCATIONAL QUALITY

# Thank you.