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# Bridging the gap between shallow and deep reflections

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# ABSTRACT

A key component of fostering learner autonomy is encouraging reflective practices; however, learners often struggle to write effective reflections beyond basic explanations. While individual feedback can guide learners toward more effective reflection, it is time-intensive for teachers and may not always clarify actionable steps for improvement. Therefore, allocating class time to explicitly teach effective reflective writing practices can enhance understanding across the class and equip students with valuable skills for deeper learning that make them more reflective learners.

This poster presentation introduces a lesson outline featuring a hands-on team-building task designed to encourage meaningful reflection. The task provides a rich opportunity for learners to practice and develop deeper reflective skills. This is done by having learners first reflect on the completed task, followed by the teacher explicitly presenting six effective self-questioning methods for deeper reflection. Students utilize them through controlled repetition, and then compare these deeper reflections to their original post-task reflections. The presenter will explain their rationale for the process, their experience implementing it with their learners,

the challenges they encountered, before proposing future improvements. Participants are encouraged to share their own experiences with similar approaches.

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