Oral and Written Assessments to Distinguish Construction/Co-Construction and Critique

Chi (2009) distinguished learning activities in which students are overtly passive, active, constructive or co-constructive. She suggested that constructive learning differs from active learning, in that students build knowledge that goes beyond what they knew before. This can unfold in solo-construction such as in self-explaining or in co-construction. Co-construction encompasses discussions between two or more students that result in building new knowledge which can involve students critiquing each other, or elaborating each others' arguments. In this talk, we will discuss educational technologies that facilitate critical, peer-to-peer science learning accompanied by classroom-based research on critical speaking and listening.

Specifically, will discuss how to assess co-construction of scientific knowledge with evidence-based argumentation.

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