**Are You Sure?**

“Are You Sure?” is a formative assessment strategy that asks students to list their predictions about an answer to a learning task and to rate their predictions on how sure they are. This activity (based on Beers & Howell, 2003, p. 86) can be done individually, in a small group, or as a whole class.

1. Ask the students to predict what the reading assignment will be about.
2. Have them rate their predictions as “I think” predictions—statements that they think might be true, “I'm pretty sure” predictions—statements that they feel fairly confident about, and “I know” predictions—statements that they are positive are accurate.
3. As they read the assignment, have the students mark the predictions with stars if they are accurate or change them to accurate information. They can draw lines through inaccurate predictions.

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