

four seasons in one day –

literacies in changing climates

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What's That You Said?

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The resource kit *What's that You Said?* has been developed for teachers who use the National Reporting System to assess the oral communication skills of literacy students.

The kit will be published on September 8th 2004, and consists of a video of five assessment scenarios of literacy students, and an accompanying guide book. The resource kit enables teachers, trainers and assessors to work through a number of samples of student performance and to identify the oral communication indicators and language features displayed.

The workshop for this conference will take one of the student scenarios as an example of the way the kit can be used to support teachers in their assessment of oral communication skills.

Participants in this workshop will view an example of a student performing an assessment task, and see how the language features displayed are mapped to NRS indicators at specific levels. They will also view a panel discussion of this student's NRS levels, in order to highlight some of the issues associated with assessment, such as the level of support available, and the familiarity of the learning context. The relevant sections of the accompanying teacher guide will be used to demonstrate how the kit can be most effectively used by teachers as a professional development tool.

Although the presentation will focus on one example from the kit, if time permits, we hope to briefly show some of the other student scenarios, so that participants have an awareness of the range of oral assessment tasks and issues covered in the resource kit.