

Exercise walk-through

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HL stimulus synthesis: supported rehearsal

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The method

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Use the current 2026 stimulus model. Compare mechanisms, institutions, scale and constraints across researched cases; a generic memorized example cannot substitute for stimulus evidence.

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Separate what is stated from the interpretation.
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Original classroom evidence panel for HL stimulus synthesis

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3.1 Funding could connect local mandate with implementation resources, improving feasibility. Cooperation, accountability, information and sustained financing still need review. Explain the specific mechanism changed rather than assuming the institution now guarantees success. Authored points for a relevant judgement, reason tied to the case and justified qualification or method. Accept a supported alternative.