

Exercise walk-through

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HL unseen text and normative bridges: supported rehearsal

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The method

Method — Worked example

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Separate what is stated from the interpretation.
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Original classroom evidence panel for HL unseen text and normative bridges

Exercises 2.1·3.1

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3.1 Use the system for a specified decision class only where relevant validation, explanation, appeal and human accountability meet justified standards. Accuracy can support this conditional recommendation but cannot by itself override every right or value. Test the revised premises and exceptions. Authored points for a relevant judgement, reason tied to the case and justified qualification or method. Accept a supported alternative.