

Checklist for Writing Objectives

Clarity	YES	NO
Is the objective written clearly enough that any other person would interpret it the same way?		
Does it pass the <i>Stranger Test</i> ?		
Is the objective specific?		
Does it specify the conditions under which it will occur?		
Observable		
Can it clearly be seen if the student meets the objective?		
Positive		
Is the objective stated in a manner that is positive, telling what the student will do?		
Does it pass the <i>Dead Man's Test</i> ?		
Growth		
Does the objective include a clearly specified baseline?		
Does it include a measurable ending point?		
Does the specified measurement tie logically to the objective?		
Importance		
Considering the student's needs, are the objectives:		
• relevant		
• reasonable		
• realistic		
Linked to Goals		
Does the objective provide steps to reach a year-long goal?		
Are the objectives listed in a logical sequence to reach the goal?		
Are there at least two objectives for each goal?		