

# Confidence and Use Lines

**Description:** Confidence and Use Lines can be used to quickly assess where students stand on a concept/idea. Students express their “confidence” in using the concept/idea on one poster using sticky dots, and express their actual “use (knowledge)” of using the concept/idea on a different poster using sticky dots. The teacher then knows how to adjust his/her teaching later that class period or the following day.



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## How to Use the Strategy:

1. Teacher creates two posters: one for Confidence and one for Use. Teacher fills in the wording accordingly to match the concept/idea that is being taught.
2. Hang the posters in the classroom.\
3. Give students two different colored sticky dots (one color for each poster).
4. Provide 3-5 minutes for students to read the wording on each poster and place their dot on each poster.
5. Teacher reviews each poster.
6. Teacher adjusts his/her teaching for the remaining part of the class period or for the next day.
7. Students learn how to evaluate their positions on the Confidence and Use Lines and make adjustments for their learning.