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Teaching at the
appropriate level

What do we mean by level?

- ◆ When we are given the job of teaching units we must ensure that we are aware of the requirements of the unit.
- ◆ This means ensuring that we are delivering learning which is appropriate for the skills that the students have now & where they need to be.
- ◆ There are clues to what we should be covering in the unit specification.

How do we identify what is appropriate?

- ◆ Lets look at 2 unit specifications for 2 Accounting Units.
 - Business Accounting &
 - Preparing Financial Forecasts
- ◆ They are at 2 different levels.

What can we learn from the unit specification wording?

- ◆ Level 7 is designed to teach students skills they need to enable them to perform specific tasks.
 - We need to tell them
 - We need to show them
 - We need to ask them to do it
 - We need to review it with them
 - We need to show them again
 - We need to let them practice

What can we learn from the unit specification wording?

- ◆ Level 8 is designed to teach students skills they need to begin to analyse scenarios based on the skills they have learnt at Level 7.
- ◆ They need to develop these skills by practicing using case studies.
 - They learn to do
 - Then they learn to review
 - They are on the road to evaluating
 - We help to develop the skills they gained at Level 7

Level 7 versus Level 8

- ◆ Level 7 is designed to give students skills to undertake roles such as preparing a marketing plan or preparing a cash budget.
- ◆ Level 8 is designed to prepare students for using their understanding of actually completing these tasks to analyse information and use it in decision making.

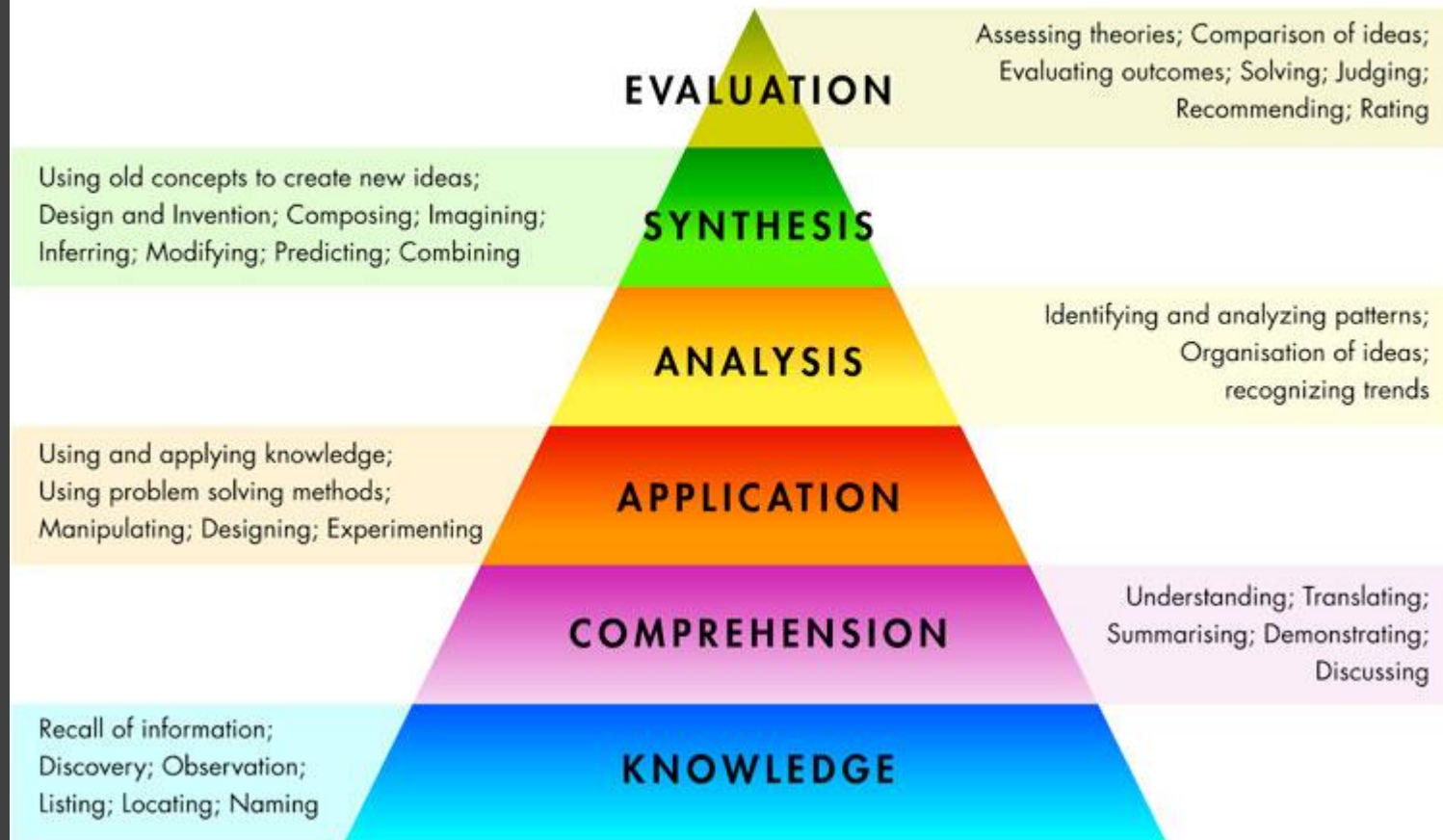
Teaching Level 7

- ◆ The teaching of Level 7 will involve presenting basic information
 - What is a Profit and Loss Account (Income Statement)?
 - What information does it show us?
 - How do we calculate numbers to be included in a P&L?
 - Lots of practice exercises to allow students to learn the rules.

Teaching Level 8

- ◆ The teaching of Level 8 will involve much more analysis of information
 - What does a Profit and Loss Account (Income Statement) tell me about my business?
 - How do we use this information to inform us and help with decision making?
 - Lots of practice exercises to analyse businesses that the students know about
 - Apple
 - Nokia

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Level 7



- Knowledge
- Comprehension
- Introducing application
- Working in larger groups

Level 8



- More application
- Analysis
- Synthesis
- Evaluation
- Working in small groups or individually



Finding materials at the right level?

- ◆ The skill of the lecturer/teacher will depend on how prepared they are.
- ◆ You cannot use just one source of material i.e. one text book
- ◆ You must research and resource your course
- ◆ Use materials that you found useful from your own studies
- ◆ Work with colleagues at network events

And finally

- ◆ Remember when your students pass their assessments they believe **THEY** have done well.
- ◆ When they don't pass the assessments they think its **YOUR** fault!
- ◆ Your skills as a teacher are tested every day because everyone learns differently