SOLO Taxonomy Objective Scaffolding Template

Overview:  
This template supports instructional designers in scaffolding learning objectives using the SOLO (Structure of Observed Learning Outcomes) Taxonomy. The taxonomy progresses from surface-level knowledge to deeper, abstract understanding. Use this tool to plan learning objectives that gradually increase in complexity.

# Prestructural

Description: No understanding demonstrated; irrelevant or incorrect responses.

Objective Starters:

* Students will attempt to…
* Students will be exposed to…
* Students will begin to explore…

# Unistructural

Description: One relevant aspect is identified.

Objective Starters:

* Students will identify…
* Students will define…
* Students will recognize…

# Multistructural

Description: Several relevant aspects are identified but treated independently.

Objective Starters:

* Students will list…
* Students will describe…
* Students will outline…

# Relational

Description: Integrated understanding of concepts and their relationships.

Objective Starters:

* Students will explain…
* Students will compare and contrast…
* Students will analyze the relationship between…

# Extended Abstract

Description: Generalized understanding that extends beyond the immediate context.

Objective Starters:

* Students will theorize about…
* Students will reflect on…
* Students will generate a new approach to…

Use Tip:  
These scaffolding statements can be used to write objectives that gradually move learners from basic recognition to complex reasoning and generalization. Ideal for curriculum mapping and progressive course designs.