Action Research as Methodology: Context

Evaluation	**Assessment**	**Research**
Designed to judge. How well it works? Summative: final, to gauge quality Product-oriented: what's been learned Judgment: derive an overall rating Provides info for decision-making re. a program	Designed to improve. How well it works? Formative: ongoing, to improve Process-oriented: how is learning going Diagnostic: identify areas for improvement Strives to know what is, then uses info to change status qu0	Designed to prove. How it works? Generates new knowledge, advance theory Prove or disprove ideas Generalizable Scientific, controlled environment.