Pre-assessment is ….

Any method, strategy or process used to determine a student’s current level of readiness, knowledge or interest in order to plan for appropriate instruction.

* Provides data and information to show the learning levels of each student before planning instruction. This helps in understanding each student’s needs and the nature of learning differences between various students in a given classroom.
* Helps teachers determine learning options for students functioning at different levels or with different sets of knowledge and skills.
* Allows students to demonstrate mastery or to show where remediation might be needed before instruction begins.
* Makes it easier for students to build on what they already know.

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