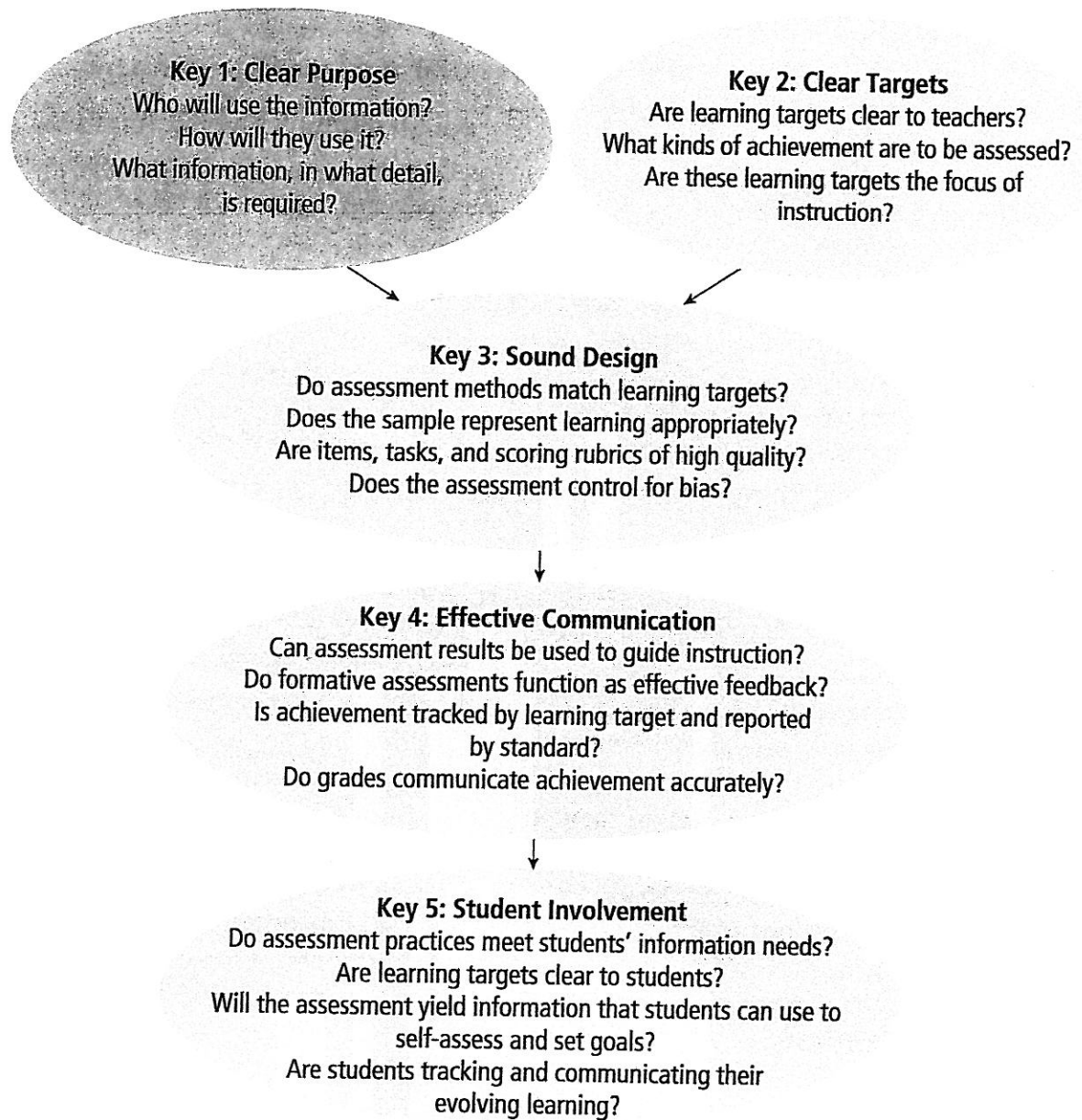


FIGURE 2.1 Keys to Quality Classroom Assessment



A BALANCED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Who uses assessment information? The first answer that may come to mind is “the teacher,” followed perhaps by parents, students, administrators, and the public. They all need assessment information to make decisions, but they make different kinds of decisions. No one assessment can fill everyone’s information needs; different assessments are required. In a *balanced assessment system*, the key players’ formative and summative information needs are identified and assessments are planned to meet