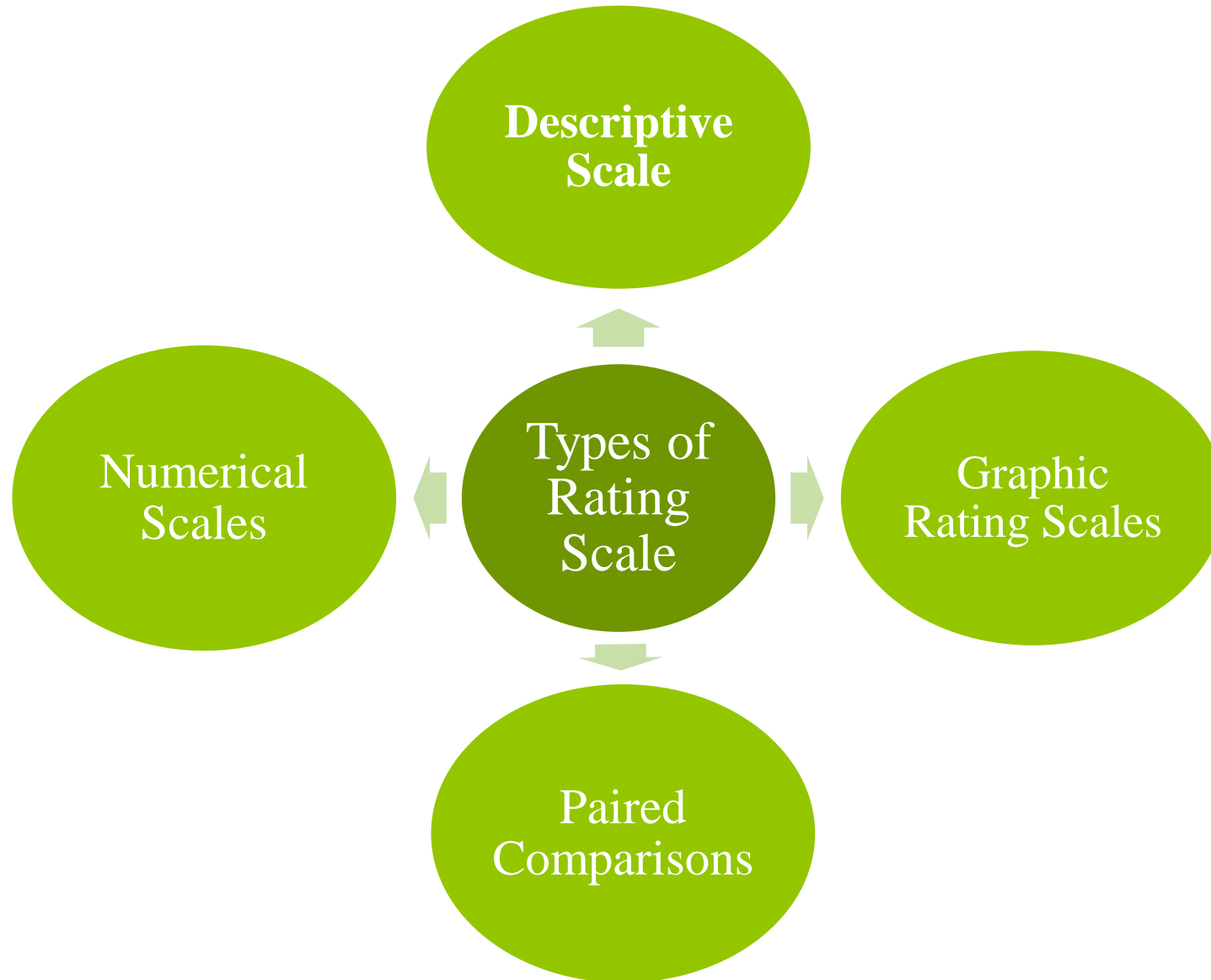# BED204-01 GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING
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3.2 Rating Scale

- **Definition of Rating**:-
- **Davis and Johnson, Barr**:- Rating Means the judgment of one person by another.

- **Definition of Rating Scale** :-
- **Gibson R.L. and Mitchell M.H**:- Rating Scale for rating each of the characteristics or activities, one is seeking to observe or asses.
- **Bonny and Hamplemen**:- A Rating Scale is special kind of check list in which the items or characteristics checked must be rated quantitatively or qualitatively according to the degree of presence or absence or a trait, the degree of perfection of a skill or the degree of completion of a task.

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Graphic Rating Scale

- In a graphic rating scale an attempt is made to characterize degrees of a trait by brief description.
- The line showing the presence of a trait in an individual is divided into 3,5 or 7 points.
- For example : How child behave in challenging situation?

1	2	3	4	5
Gives up at the slightest difficulty	Leaves after making some trials in spite of difficulties	Tries to do everything possible and then gives up	Keeps trying in spite of repeated failures	Never leaves, persists till the goal is achieved

- The teacher places a marks at a point which describes the trait possessed. A check mark may be placed in between if necessary.

Descriptive Scale

- Used to assess_
1. Personality traits, characteristics, qualities
2. Attitude or behaviour
- 1st column – described phrases are given.
- Next columns – arrangement of phrases describe ascending or descending
- For example :

	Always	Usually	Occasionally	Never
Helpful to others				
Takes initiative in a task				
Likes to try new things				

- The teacher select the phrase that come closer to describing the quality under consideration.

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The paired Comparison Rating Scale

- The paired comparison scaling is a comparative scaling technique wherein the responded is shown two object at the same time and is asked to select one according to the defined criterion.

- For example:

- Que. Who is co-operative

1. Rohan or Swati
2. Rohan or Ravi
3. Swati or Ravi

	Rohan	Swati	Ravi
Rohan			
Swati			
Ravi			

Numerical Scales

- The teacher check or circles a number to indicate the degree of a characteristic present.
- Each number provide verbal description which is constant from one characteristic to another.
- For example:
- 1 - Poor, 2 - unsatisfactory, 3 - Average, 4 - Good, 5 – Excellent

	1	2	3	4	5
Revision of main points					
Application of acquired knowledge					
Inclusion of Questions					
Relevant Homework					
Time Management					

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According to Guilford six requirement

1. Clarity
2. Relevance
3. Precision
4. Variety
5. Objectivity
6. Uniqueness

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Principles

- Characteristics educationally significant.
- Identifying the learning outcomes.
- Directly observable.
- Clearly defined
- Rate one task at a time
- Use 3 to 7 point scale.

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Uses of Rating Scales

- For evaluating an individuals.
- Areas which can not be objectively measured.
- To supplement information collected by standardized psychological test.
- To collect information about many things and many students in short time.
- To self-analysis and self-evaluation by students.

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Limitations of Rating Scales

- Unless the guidance worker understands clearly the purpose of rating, the data obtained from ratings are not dependable.

- Require necessary expertise and understanding on the part of the observers and any one is not suited for this job.

- Rating by some raters are too low while by others they are too high. With proper care this shortcoming can be removed.

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