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What I wish I had known as a Rasch beginner....

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This talk will present a summary of what I wish I had known 30+ years ago as I began my Ph.D. studies with Ben Wright and first learned Rasch methods. In this talk I will present key errors beginners commonly make when they start to use Rasch. Naturally I will briefly discuss the ins and outs of such beginner Rasch errors...my goal..to aid Rasch novices so that they can confidently, quickly and correctly use Rasch. I will also share and discuss what my family calls “Bill’s Rasch elevator speech”...such a speech is the one I can give very quickly (60 seconds) in an effort to help others understand why Rasch is important. Quickly explaining Rasch to those who do indeed need your Rasch help (but they do not know they need your assistance) is a critical skill that one must develop. It is an art to succinctly explain Rasch to others, be it in person, or in papers. Even as a beginner with Rasch, by mastering your own elevator speech you can increase the number of people who seek your Rasch expertise, be it in academia or the private sector.

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