

Summative Blueprints for English Language Arts

General Information

Each of the following blueprints is for a summative English language arts (ELA) assessment in grades 3 through 9. Each assessment follows a linear design (also referred to as fixed) for Spring 2022. It is estimated to take about two hours for students to complete.

All items are based on a written stimulus or stimuli. Most stimuli support items in two or more content categories. All sets contain multiple-choice and technology-enhanced items, each worth 1 or 2 points. Two-point items are eligible for partial credit. The Literary Pair sets also contain a short (3-point) constructed-response (CR) item.

Set Type	Number of Stimuli per Set Type	Number of Sets per Form	Constructed Response Item	Content Categories Represented
Literary pair	2	1	1 short CR	Reading literature, vocabulary, writing
Informational single	1	1	No	Reading informational text, vocabulary, sometimes writing
Research pair	2	1	No	Reading informational text
Simulated student writing	1	4–5	No	Language, writing

The grade-level blueprints that follow provide more detailed information about the measurement of knowledge and skills in each content category within a form. This information includes the percentage and number of points allocated to each content category.



Grade 3

A grade 3 test form will include questions worth a total of 60 operational points. In addition to 1 short constructed-response (CR) item worth 3 points, the form will contain approximately 51 machine-scored items, each worth 1 or 2 points. The machine-scored items may be multiple choice or technology enhanced.

Claim	Content Category	Weight Within Form*	Points
Reading	Reading Literature	20%	12
	Reading Informational Text	22%	13
	Vocabulary	12%	7
Reading			32
Writing and Language	Language	20%	12
	Writing	27%	16 (3-pt. CR + 13)
Writing and Language			28
TOTAL POINTS			60

*Some percentages have been rounded up to the next whole number, which may result in a total higher than 100.



Grade 4

A grade 4 test form will include questions worth a total of 62 operational points. In addition to 1 short constructed-response (CR) item worth 3 points, the form will contain approximately 52 machine-scored items, each worth 1 or 2 points. The machine-scored items may be multiple choice or technology enhanced.

Claim	Content Category	Weight Within Form*	Points
Reading	Reading Literature	19%	12
	Reading Informational Text	23%	14
	Vocabulary	11%	7
Reading			33
Writing and Language	Language	21%	13
	Writing	26%	16 (3-pt. CR + 13)
Writing and Language			29
TOTAL POINTS			62

*Some percentages have been rounded up to the next whole number, which may result in a total higher than 100.



Grade 5

A grade 5 test form will include questions worth a total of 64 operational points. In addition to 1 short constructed-response (CR) item worth 3 points, the form will contain approximately 53 machine-scored items, each worth 1 or 2 points. The machine-scored items may be multiple choice or technology enhanced.

Claim	Content Category	Weight Within Form*	Points
Reading	Reading Literature	19%	12
	Reading Informational Text	25%	16
	Vocabulary	11%	7
Reading			35
Writing and Language	Language	20%	13
	Writing	25%	16 (3-pt. CR + 13)
Writing and Language			29
TOTAL POINTS			64

*Some percentages have been rounded up to the next whole number, which may result in a total higher than 100.



Grade 6

A grade 6 test form will include questions worth a total of 67 operational points. In addition to 1 short constructed-response (CR) item worth 3 points, the form will contain approximately 55 machine-scored items, each worth 1 or 2 points. The machine-scored items may be multiple choice or technology enhanced.

Claim	Content Category	Weight Within Form*	Points
Reading	Reading Literature	21%	14
	Reading Informational Text	24%	16
	Vocabulary	10%	7
Reading			37
Writing and Language	Language	21%	14
	Writing	24%	16 (3-pt. CR + 13)
Writing and Language			30
TOTAL POINTS			67

*Some percentages have been rounded up to the next whole number, which may result in a total higher than 100.



Grade 7

A grade 7 test form will include questions worth a total of 70 operational points. In addition to 1 short constructed-response (CR) item worth 3 points, the form will contain approximately 56 machine-scored items, each worth 1 or 2 points. The machine-scored items may be multiple choice or technology enhanced.

Claim	Content Category	Weight Within Form*	Points
Reading	Reading Literature	19%	13
	Reading Informational Text	24%	17
	Vocabulary	10%	7
Reading			37
Writing and Language	Language	21%	15
	Writing	26%	18 (3-pt. CR + 15)
Writing and Language			33
TOTAL POINTS			70

*Some percentages have been rounded up to the next whole number, which may result in a total higher than 100.



Grade 8

A grade 8 test form will include questions worth a total of 70 operational points. In addition to 1 short constructed-response (CR) item worth 3 points, the form will contain approximately 56 machine-scored items, each worth 1 or 2 points. The machine-scored items may be multiple choice or technology enhanced.

Claim	Content Category	Weight Within Form*	Points
Reading	Reading Literature	19%	13
	Reading Informational Text	24%	17
	Vocabulary	10%	7
Reading			37
Writing and Language	Language	21%	15
	Writing	26%	18 (3-pt. CR + 15)
Writing and Language			33
TOTAL POINTS			70

*Some percentages have been rounded up to the next whole number, which may result in a total higher than 100.



Grade 9

A grade 9 test form will include questions worth a total of 73 operational points. In addition to 1 short constructed-response (CR) item worth 3 points, the form will contain approximately 57 machine-scored items, each worth 1 or 2 points. The machine-scored items may be multiple choice or technology enhanced.

Claim	Content Category	Weight Within Form*	Points
Reading	Reading Literature	15%	11
	Reading Informational Text	29%	21
	Vocabulary	10%	7
Reading			39
Writing and Language	Language	21%	15
	Writing	26%	19 (3-pt. CR + 16)
Writing and Language			34
TOTAL POINTS			73

*Some percentages have been rounded up to the next whole number, which may result in a total higher than 100.

Summary of Points by Grade

Claim	Content Category	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
Reading	Reading Literature	12	12	12	14	13	13	11
	Reading Informational Text	13	14	16	16	17	17	21
	Vocabulary	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Writing and Language	Language	12	13	13	14	15	15	15
	Writing	16*	16*	16*	16*	18*	18*	19*
TOTAL		60	62	64	67	70	70	73

*Includes a short constructed-response item worth 3 points.