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Practice Activities Test Directions for Teachers
Levels **16–18** Form **G**

The Demo and Practice Activities take about 52 minutes to administer and should be given a day or two in advance of the actual testing. The Demo and Practice Activities are designed to introduce your students to the mechanics of taking the test and to give them an idea of the kinds of questions they will be asked.

Give the students an appropriate introduction to this testing session. Let them know that the Practice Activities will acquaint them with the types of questions they will encounter and the ways they will mark their answers. To begin the Practice Activities, click on “Start the test.” Then, click on “Log in.” Then, click “Start.”

Read out loud the “Tips to Help You Take a Test” as students read along and practice scrolling through the text. (The tips are also printed on the following page.) Answer any questions the students have about this information.

Information that is only for you and is not to be read aloud is printed in this type style.

SAY

The directions you are to read aloud to the students are preceded by **SAY** and are printed in bold type.

Directions for Administering the Practice Activities

SAY Here are some tips to help you take a test:

Relax: Everyone gets nervous about tests. It is natural. Try to relax and not worry.

Listen: Listen to the directions for each test carefully. Be sure to read all the directions. Ask your teacher to explain any directions you do not understand.

Plan your time: Listen to the amount of time given for a test section and use that time well. Answer each question carefully, but if a question takes too long to answer, skip it and go back to it later. Answer the questions you are sure of first. You may return to a question before the end of a timed section.

Think: If you cannot answer a question right away, give yourself some time to think about it. Rule out answer choices that you know are wrong and choose from the ones that are left.

Keep a positive state of mind: This test will not affect your grades in school. Some questions will be hard to answer and others will be easy. Just do your best.

When you have finished discussing the tips,

SAY Now we will move to the next section. *(Pause.)* Look at the tools that will help you take the test. The Demo has introduced you to these tools.

In the upper left-hand corner of your screen, under the question number, you will see a circle with a red "X" on it. This Option Eliminator helps you mark answer choices you do not want. Next, there is an eraser. If you want to erase an answer, click on the eraser and drag it to what you want to erase.

In the Mathematics section, you may see a ruler and a calculator.



□ **SAMPLE A**

SAY For each question, there are several answer choices. Always look at all the answer choices and then choose the answer that you think is correct. Click on the answer you choose. Does everyone understand what to do?

Pause for discussion. When you are sure your students understand how to mark their answers,

SAY At the end of each section, look for the words “Finish Test” at the bottom of the screen. In the actual test, these words tell you to stop working. For this practice session, go back to the screen for Question 1. *(Pause.)*

SAY Start reading the directions and the reading passage and answering the questions when I say “Begin.” Keep working through Reading, Language, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies until you come to the words “Finish Test” at the end of the Practice Activities. Then stop.

You may begin.

When all your students have finished, have them return to the first question and lead them through a discussion of the questions one by one. Identify the correct answers as you go (they are printed on the next page), and help your students understand why those answers are correct and the others are wrong.

Answer Key to Levels 16–18

Practice Activities

Reading

1 C

2 H

3 A

Language

1 B

2 J

Mathematics

1 B

2 K

3 D

Science

1 C

2 G

Social Studies

1 A

2 H

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