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Principals' Meeting
December 2, 2015
Summary of the November Supervisor Collaborative

DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

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2015-2016 Assessment Update

The legislative compromise of 2015 required one-year, transitional English and math assessments in 2015-2016. Social studies and science tests are long-term contracts.

Contracts have been awarded to the following vendors for the development of the 2015-2016 science, social studies, math and ELA assessments:

- Science: WestEd, up to twelve-year contract
- Social studies: WestEd, up to twelve-year contract
- Math and ELA: Data Recognition Corporation, one-year contract only
- Administration: Data Recognition Corporation, up to twelve-year contract

Math and ELA tests are being designed to be academically comparable to 2015 tests and to show comparability across states. Please use the 2015 practice tests and EAGLE items to prepare until additional resources are released this winter.

Spring 2016 Social Studies Field Test Development Guidelines

As per the RFP process, the spring 2016 social studies field test will:

- be grade-level specific;
- be developed and/or reviewed with Louisiana educator and student involvement;
- be administered in both paper and computer formats.
    - Grades 3 & 4 paper-based or online option
    - Grades 5 – 8 online only
- have a January deadline to decide on the formats- paper-based or online.
- Optional

Question Formats:

Multiple Choice – MC

Constructed Response – CR

Selected Response – SR

Multiple Selection – MS

Technology Enhanced - TE

Social Studies Field Test Design Update

Field test designs are under development. Key similarities and differences between the 2015 assessment and the 2016 field test are noted in the chart below:

Component	2014-2015 LEAP/iLEAP	2016 LEAP Field Test (Louisiana Assessment Program)
Testing Mode	Paper-based only	Grades 3-4 paper-based or online option Grades 5-8 online only
Item Types	Multiple choice (MC), 4-point Constructed Response (CR), Task	Selected Response (SR includes both MC and MS), Technology Enhanced (TE), 2-point Constructed Response (CR), Task
Item Design	Discrete, with exception of Task	Item Sets (1-4 source documents with associated MC, MS, TE, CR), small quantity of discrete items
Test Design	Full form (32-60 MC + 2 CR + Task)	Shortened form (tentatively three 4-item sets, one 3-item set, 3 SR, 1 Task)
Content Assessed	2003 GLEs with 4th and 8th grade-span assessments	2011 GLEs, grade-level-specific assessments

Spring 2016 Math & ELA Assessment Development Guidelines

As per the RFP process, the spring 2016 ELA and math assessments must:

- Be as rigorous as and include similar item types as the 2014-2015 assessments and be administered in both paper and computer formats
- Report performance on students' college and career readiness and compare Louisiana student performance to the performance of students in other states
- Measure the full range of Louisiana math and ELA content standards, including standards that are difficult to measure
- Measure the full range of student performance, including performance of high- and low-performing students
- Provide accessibility to all students, including English language learners and students with disabilities
- Focus on key ELA and math skills

LOOK AND FEEL LIKE LAST YEAR'S TEST (2015)

LEAP Math Assessment Design

The LEAP math assessment will focus strongly on the content most needed in each grade that reflects instruction in an effective math classroom:

- incorporate the expectations of the rigor detailed in the content standards
- address conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and application in every grade and at each performance level
- meaningfully connect mathematical practices and processes with mathematical content
- include performance tasks that ask students to
  - write arguments/justifications, critique reasoning, and be precise in mathematical statements
  - apply and interpret mathematical modeling in a real-world context

Math Assessment Design Overview

Test designs are under development. Key similarities and differences between 2015 and 2016 assessments are noted in the chart below:

Component	2014-2015	2015-2016
Testing Schedule	Two Phases: PBA (March 16-24) EOY (May 4-12)	**One Testing Window:** **April 18-May 6 (CBT)** **April 25-29 (PBT)**
Number of Sessions	4 Sessions	**3 Sessions**
Item Types	Type I (Major and Additional/Supporting Content) Type II (Mathematical Reasoning) Type III (Modeling/Application)	
Source of Items	100% PARCC	~ 49% PARCC, ~ 51% DRC bank

Math Session Information

Grades 3-5			
Session #	Time Limit (Minutes)	# of Items	Item Types
Session 1	75	14	Each session contains a balanced set of type I, II, and III items. **NO CALCULATORS EXCEPT FOR STUDENTS WITH ACCOMMODATIONS.**
Session 2	75	14	
Session 3	75	14	

Grades 6-8				
Session #	Time Limit (Minutes)	# of Items	Calculator	Item Types
Session 1	75	18	No	Type I, only
Session 2	75	13	Yes	Sessions 2 and 3 each contain a balanced set of type I, II, and III items
Session 3	75	12	Yes	

Tests may be paper- or computer-based per district decision. The calculators are the same type as last year. Students with Extended Time are limited to the day of the test.

LEAP 2016 English Language Arts Assessment Design

The LEAP ELA assessments will focus on an integrated approach to reading and writing that reflects instruction in an effective ELA classroom:

- careful, close reading of complex grade-level literary and informational texts
- a full range of texts from across the disciplines, including science, social studies texts, and the arts
- tasks that integrate key ELA skills by asking students to read text(s), answer reading and vocabulary questions about the text(s), and then write using evidence from what they have read
- questions worth answering, ordered in a way that builds meaning
- a focus on students citing evidence from texts when answering questions about a specific passage or when writing about a set of related passages
- a focus on words that matter most in text, which are essential to understanding a particular text and include context that allows a student to determine literal and figurative meanings

ELA Assessment Design Overview

Test designs are under development. Key similarities and differences between 2015 and 2016 assessments are noted in the chart below:

Component	2014-2015	2015-2016
Testing Schedule	Two Phases: PBA (March 16-24) EOY (May 4-12)	**One Testing Window:** **April 18-May 6 (CBT)** **April 25-29 (PBT)**
Number of Sessions (units)	4 Units (grades 3-5) 5 Units (grades 6-8)	**3 Sessions (all grades)**
Number of Tasks	Three Tasks: Literary Analysis Research Simulation Narrative Writing	**Two Tasks** **Research Simulation (all grades)** **Literary Analysis OR Narrative Writing**
Reading Texts	Literary and Informational	
Source of Items	100% PARCC	No more than 49.9% PARCC Rest of items from contractor
Scoring Rubrics	2015 PARCC Rubrics	2016 PARCC Rubrics

Be sure teachers are aware and understand the 2016 PARCC Rubrics.

English Language Arts Assessment Session Information

ELA Testing Times in Minutes				
Grade(s)	Session 1: Research Simulation Task	Session 2: Literary Analysis OR Narrative Writing Task	Session 3: Reading Comprehension (selected response items only)	Total Testing Time
3	75	75	60	210
		60	75	
4-5	90	75	60	225
		60	75	
6-8	90	75	75	240
		60	90	

2016 Rubrics for Scoring Writing Tasks in Sessions 1 and 2:

- Grade 3 PARCC Scoring Rubrics
- Grades 4-5 PARCC Scoring Rubrics
- Grades 6-8 PARCC Scoring Rubrics

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2016 Assessment Testing and Reporting Dates

Key Dates	Event
February 1 – March 11	ELDA and LAA 1: Testing Window
April 18-May 6	Grades 3-8 ELA and math: Online Testing Window
April 25-28	Grades 3-8 ELA, math and science: Paper-Based Testing Window
April 28-29	Grades 3-8 ELA, math and science: Paper-Based Testing Makeups
May 9-13	Social Studies Field Test: optional

Districts have the discretion to choose to administer all or some of its grade 3-8 math and ELA assessment as computer- or paper-based tests. **However, districts are encouraged to use only one method per school.**

2015-2016 Month-by-Month Checklist

The 2015-2016 Assessment and Accountability Month-by-Month Checklist:

- Identifies key dates and deadlines for statewide assessment programs and accountability processes
- Provides action steps to ensure readiness for administering statewide assessments
- Recommends resources for district and school staff

The 2015-2016 Month-by-Month Checklist is available in the Assessment Library. A year-long, final checklist will be available in late November.

Grades 3-8 Math, ELA, and Science Test Materials

The paper-based assessments will utilize consumable test booklets with test security seals.

Resources for administration of these assessments will include:

- Updated test coordinator and administrator manuals
- Quick guide resources for administration
- Updated training materials for preparing test coordinators and administrators

Grades 3-8 Math, ELA, and Science Paper-Based Test Schedule

This **year's paper-based assessments** will take place in one week according the following schedule. Monday through Wednesday, students will take one session of ELA and one session of math. Additional details on the exact rotation of these sessions will be provided in assessment guidance released in December.

Subject	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
ELA	1 session	1 session	1 session	Makeup	Makeup
Math	1 session	1 session	1 session	Makeup	Makeup
Science	-	-	-	Full Test	Makeup

MAKE-UPS CAN BE DONE THROUGH OUT WEEK

Test Administration Resources

NOVEMBER RESOURCES:

- EAGLE items: Week of November 9
- Updated 2015-2016 Assessment Calendar: Mid-November
- Accommodation Guidelines: Late-November
- Tech Readiness Guide: Late-November
- Assessment Checklist: Late-November

DECEMBER RESOURCES:

- 2015-2016 Assessment Guides (math and ELA grades 3-8): Early December
- 2015-2016 Guide to the Social Studies Field Test: Early December
- 2015-2016 Practice Tests (math and ELA grades 3-8): Late December - **ONLINE PRACTICE IN JANUARY**

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Platform for State Assessments

As in prior years, eDIRECT will include all resources (e.g., manuals and forms). However, additional secure access will not be provided to test coordinators to manage student registration and materials.

The DRC Insight Portal will be used to ensure and monitor technology readiness and will provide the student testing platform.

eDIRECT Portal	DRC Insight Portal
Resources (e.g., manuals) Student Management Test Setup Reports	Tech Readiness Tools – TECH COORDINATORS Student Testing Platform - STUDENT

SIMILAR TO EOC TESTING
EOC WILL BE MOVING TO DRC PORTAL NEXT YEAR

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Online Accessibility Feature Updates

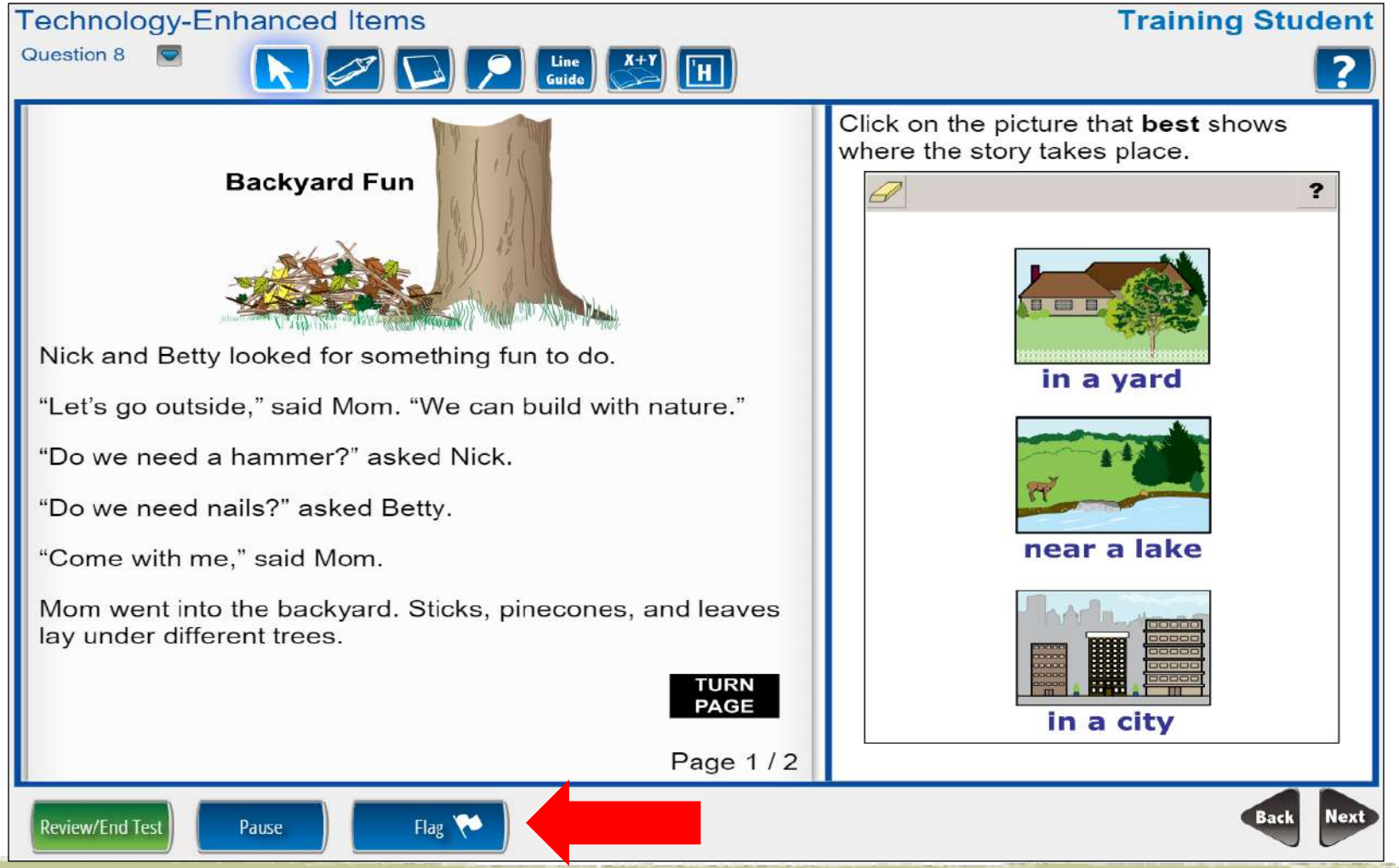
Below is a list of the accessibility features that will be provided on the online 2016 tests for students who have a PNP, Personal Needs Profile. Additional information will be released with the Accessibility and Accommodation Guidelines in late November.

- Text-to-Speech (for math Only)
- Configurable Font Size
- Magnifier/Variable Zoom
- Contrasting Colors and Reverse Contrast
- Color Overlays
- Masking
- Audio Amplification Devices (headsets)

*The PNP includes Accessibility features that need to be documented for planning purposes.

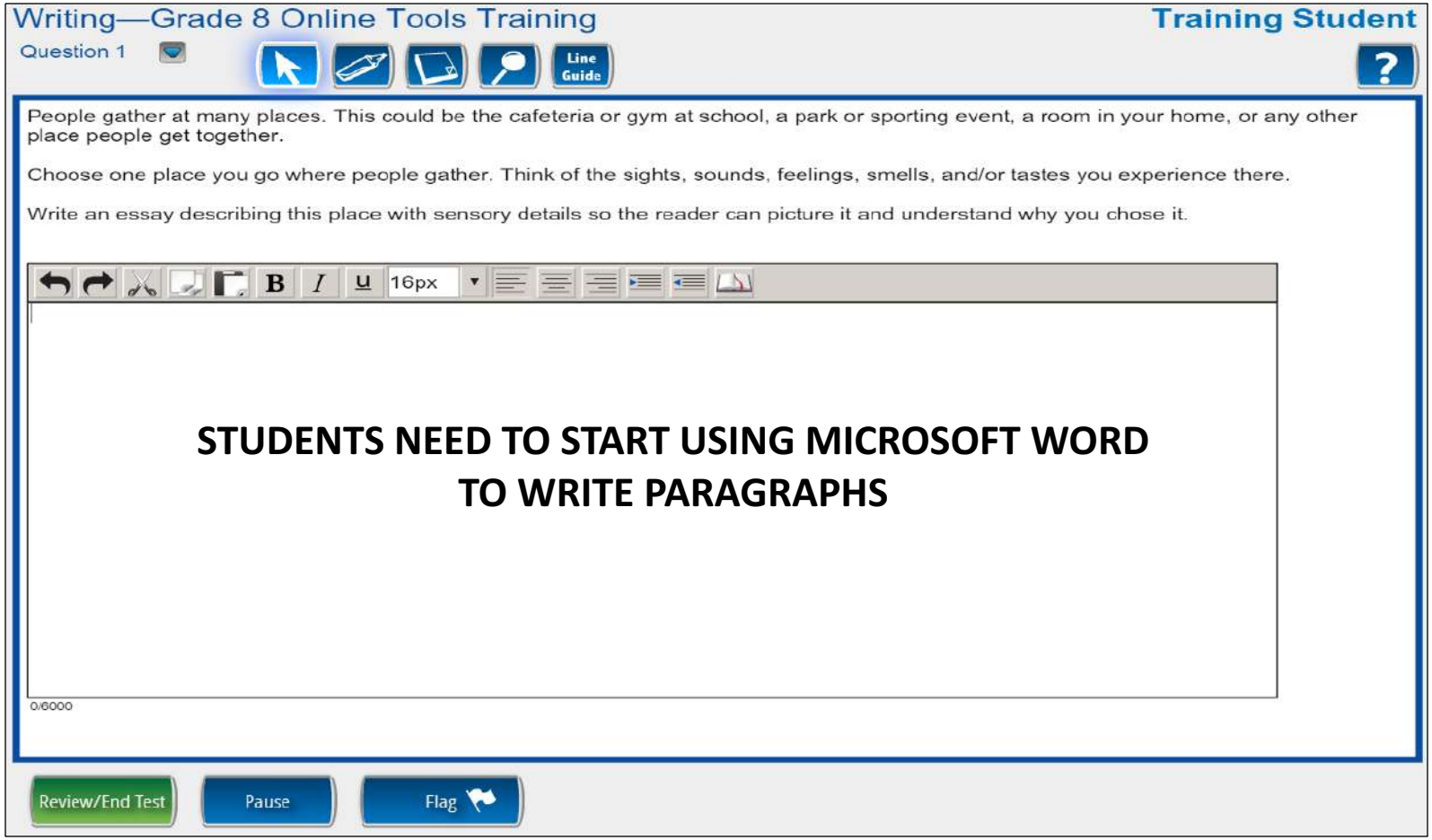
System Features: Technology-Enhanced Items

Students are able to click and drag, click, and utilize other methods of demonstrating content knowledge.



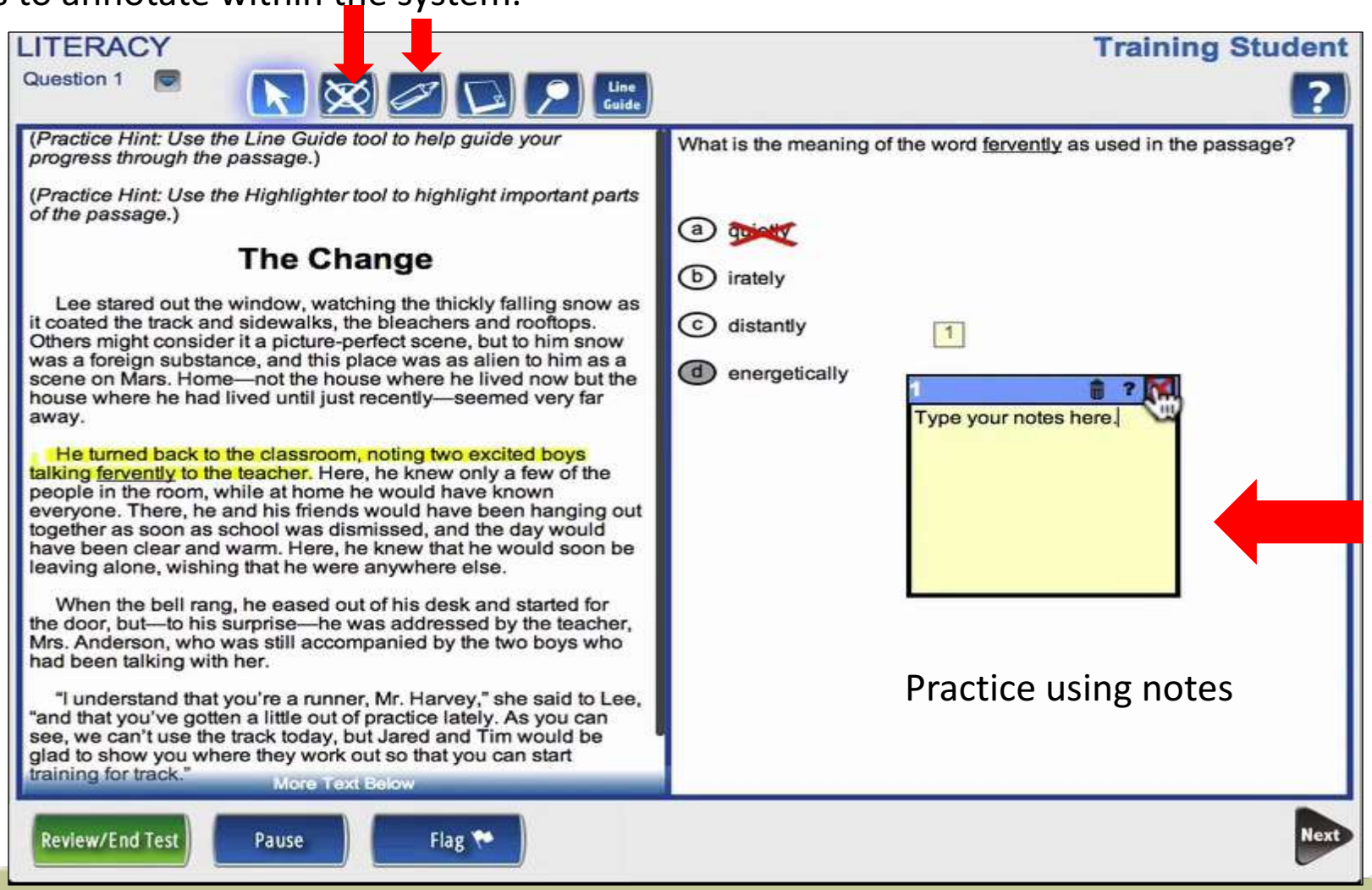
System Features: Writing Tools

Writing tools are similar to what students would be using in word processing software.



System Features: Highlighter, Strikethrough, Sticky Note

Students may highlight within passages, strike through to eliminate answers and use sticky notes to annotate within the system.

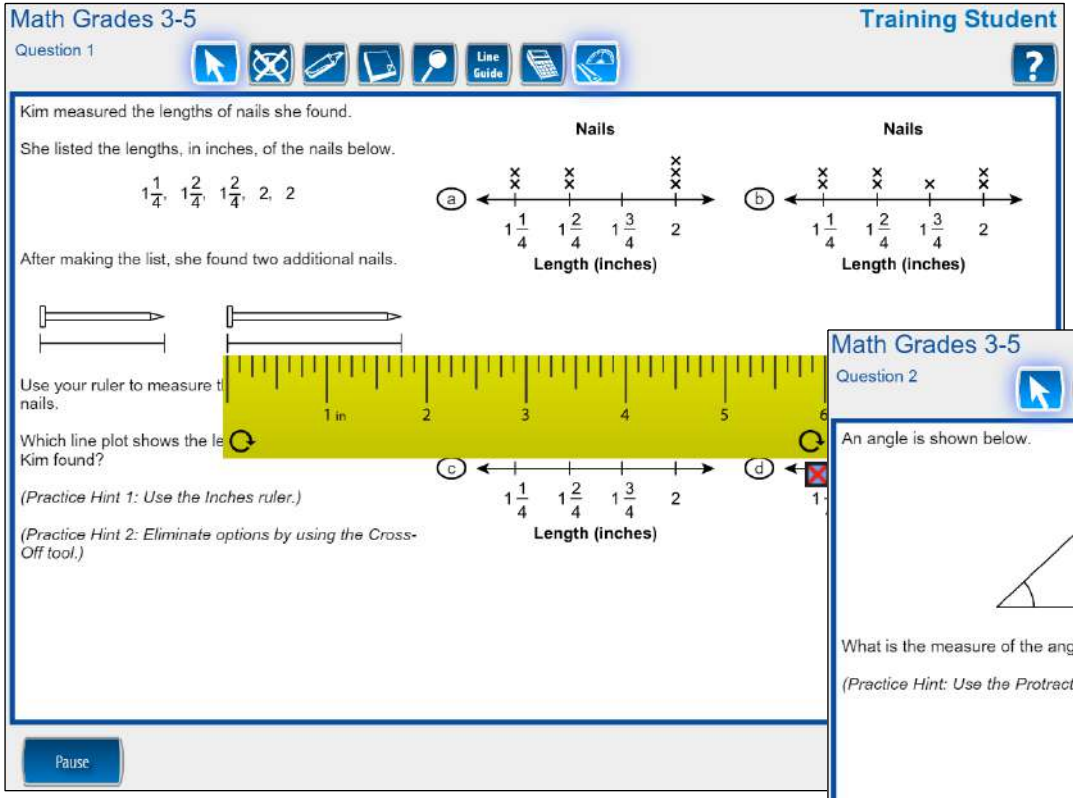


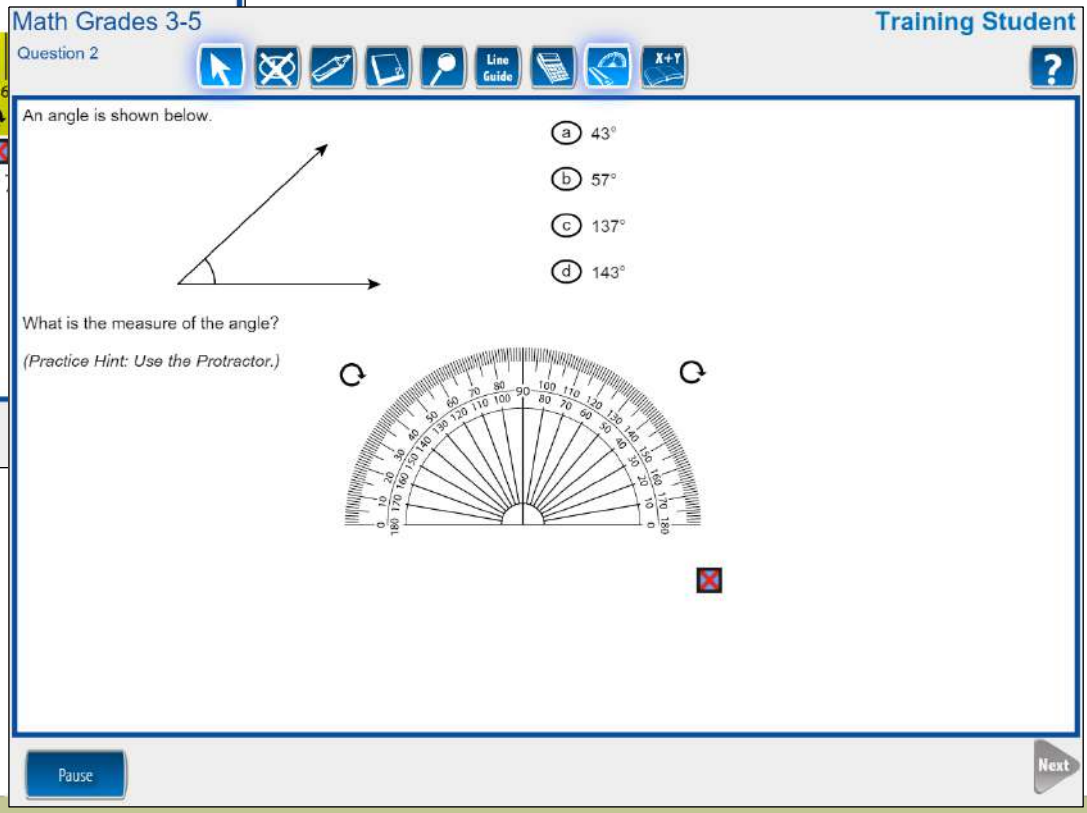
Practice using notes

System Features:
Grade Appropriate Calculators

Basic and scientific calculators are available as appropriate by grade level.

System Features:
Ruler and Protractor

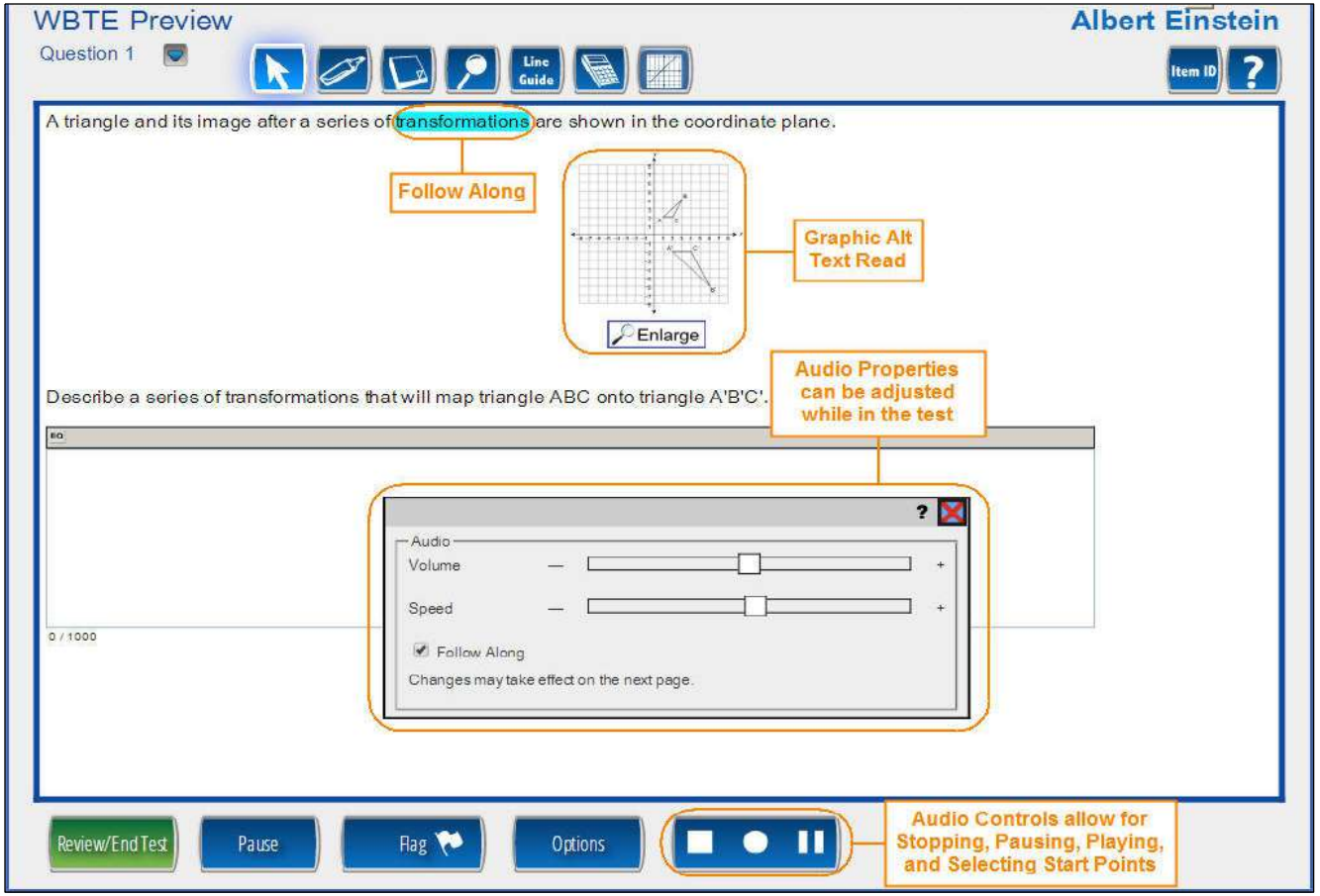




Rulers and protractors are available within the system and can be manipulated as needed by the student.

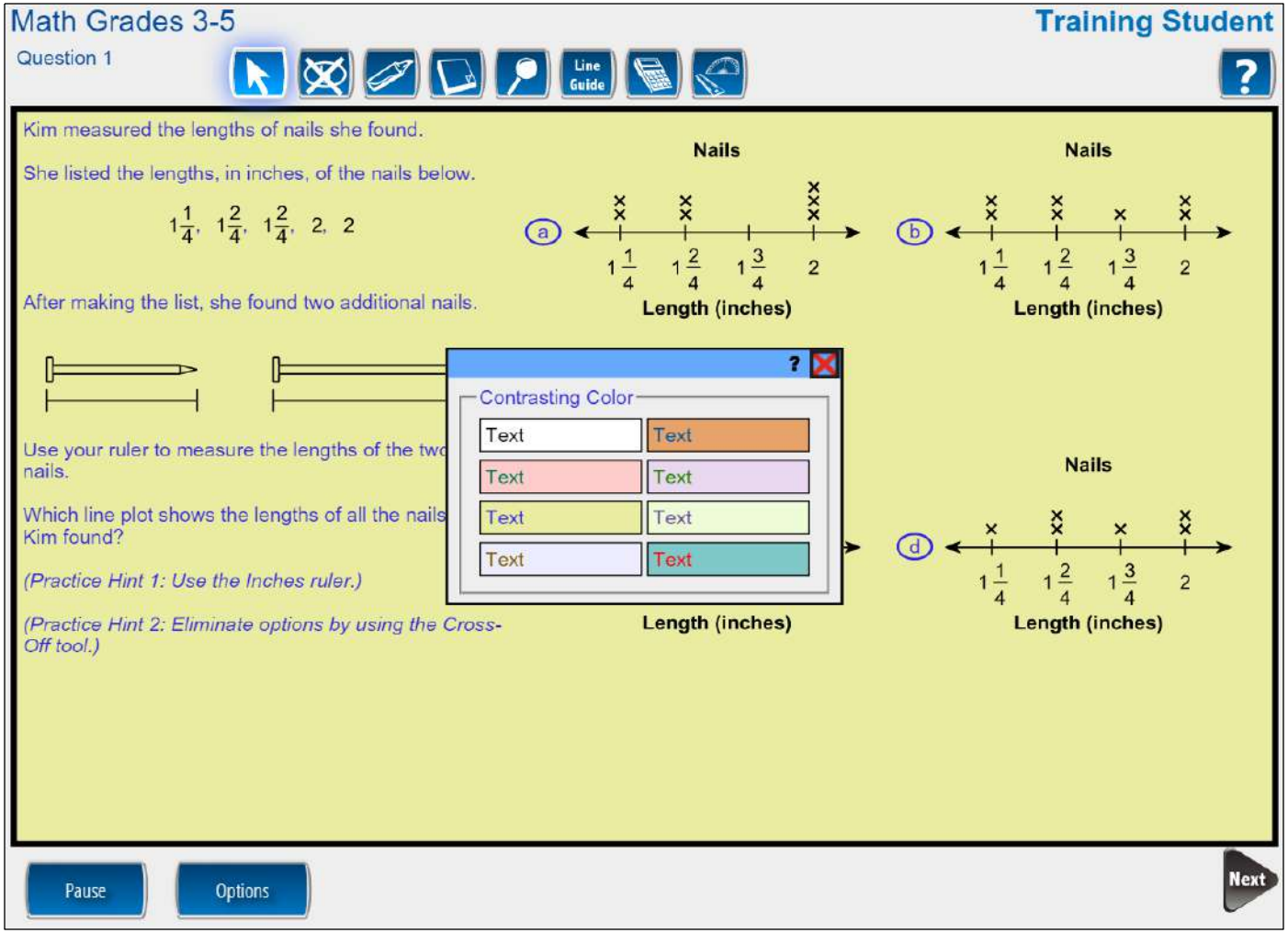
Accommodations and Accessibility: Text-to-Speech

Text-to-Speech with visual tracking and audio controls for meeting the needs of students with read aloud accommodations (or math accessibility). ANY STUDENT IN MATH – NO ACCOMODATIONS NEEDED.



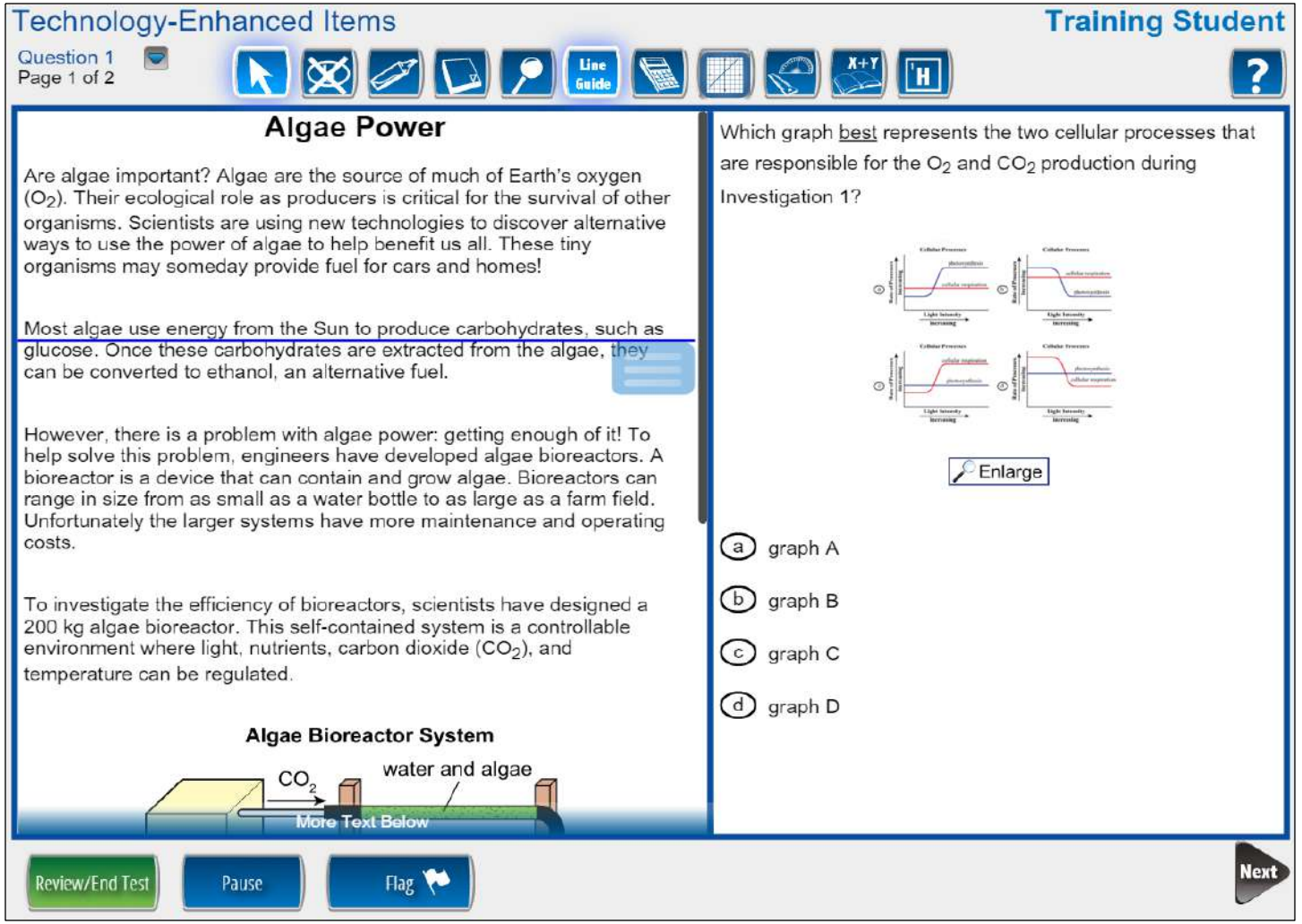
Accommodations and Accessibility: Color Overlays

Font and background color combinations are available and can be adjusted at the student level.



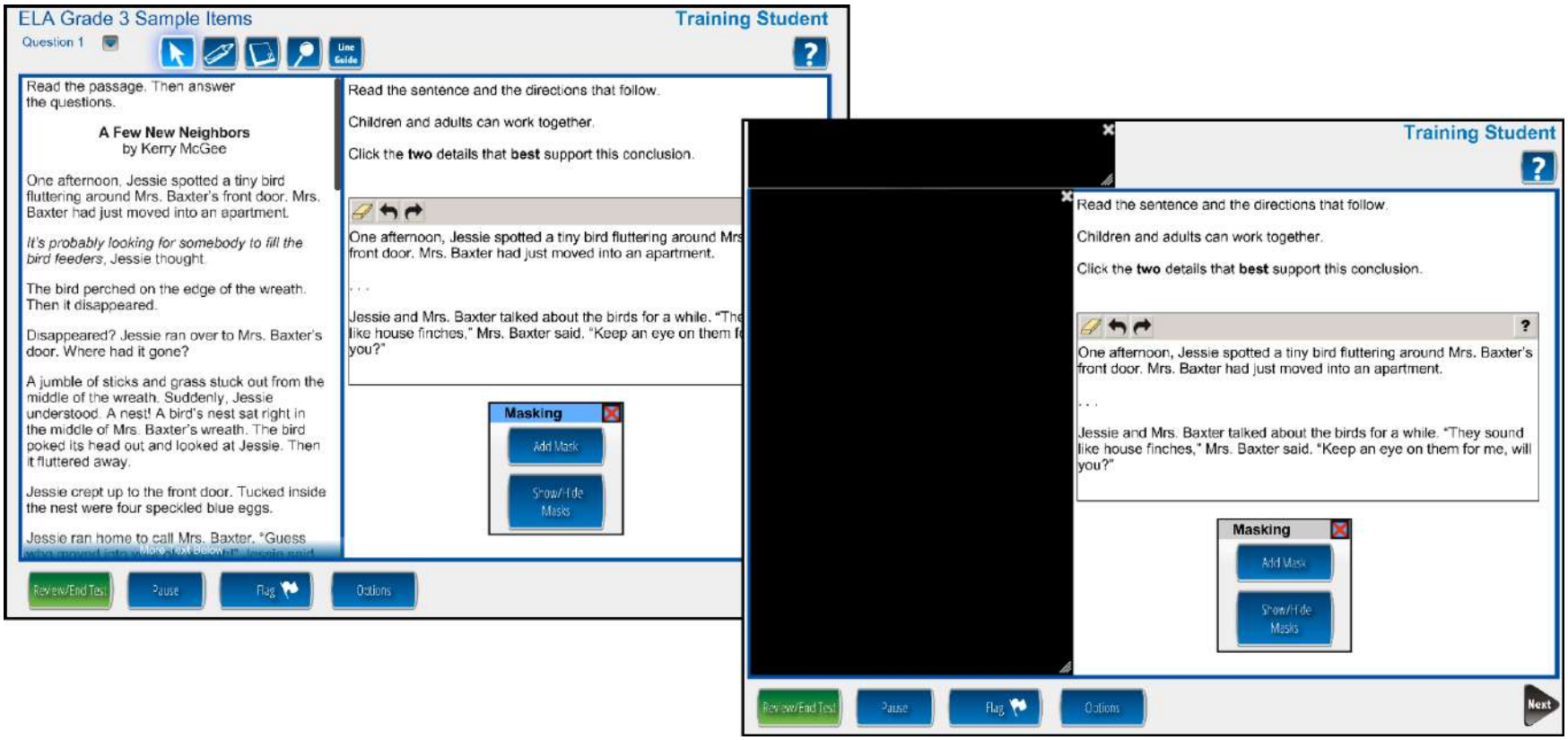
Accommodations and Accessibility: Line Guide

A line guide is available for students to use in visually tracking their reading on the screen.



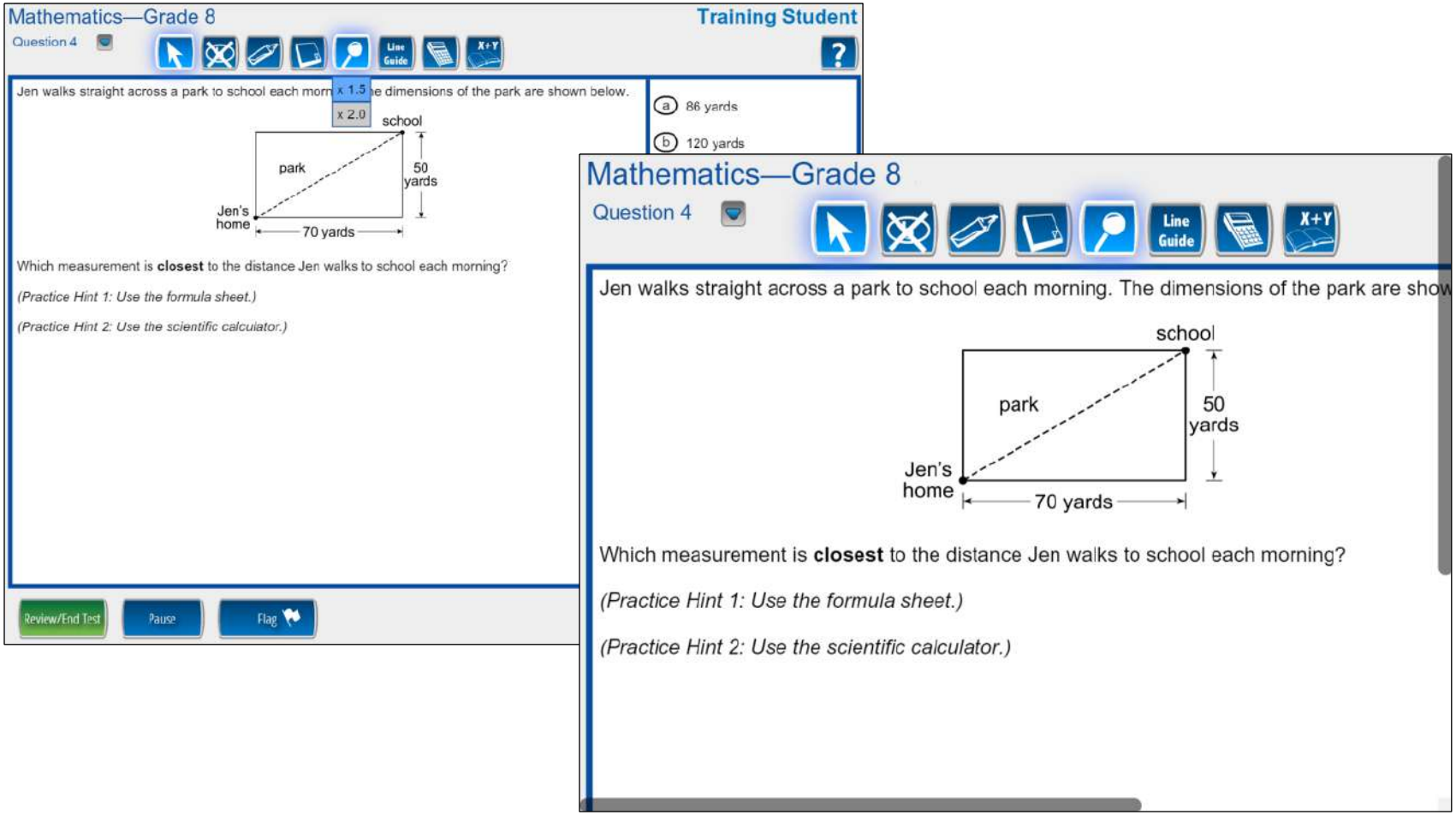
Accommodations and Accessibility: Masking Tools

Masking tools can isolate text and can be used by students to focus on particular portions of the screen, reducing distractions.



Accommodations and Accessibility: Magnifier/Variable Zoom

Items are available in standard vies, 1.5x magnification, and 2.0x magnification.



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ELDA and LAA 1 Materials

The ELDA and LAA 1 assessments will be administered much like they have been in the past utilizing the materials below. Access to the eDIRECT portal as well as related training materials will be available in January.

ELDA	LAA 1
• Administrator Booklets • Student Booklets • Response Documents • Manipulatives Lists • Task Descriptions • Manuals	• Standard Print Test Booklets (LS & RW) • Large Print Test Booklets • Answer Documents • Speaking Scoring Guide • Manuals

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EXPLORE

In order to fund improvements in our statewide tests as state budgets shrink and in order to continue streamlining state assessments, as of this school year the state will no longer fund the EXPLORE exam in grades 8 and 9 (this is the last year the ACT will make EXPLORE available regardless).

If districts or schools wish to continue the exam, they may enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) and purchase these exams through the state contract. The updated CEA will be available by December 1, 2015.

Please contact assessment@la.gov to sign up for this option by December 15, 2015.

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December	Assessment Guides and Paper-Based Practice Test: (ELA and Math); Guide to Social Studies Field Test
January	District users setup in eDIRECT and corresponding training video module available. Online Practice Tests: ELA and Math ELDA and LAA 1: Manuals posted to eDIRECT ELDA and LAA 1: Paper/Pencil Materials functionality and corresponding training video modules available.
February 1 – March 11	ELDA and LAA 1: Testing Window
Late February	LEAP 2016: Online User Guides posted to eDIRECT. LEAP 2016: Test Setup functionality and corresponding training video modules available.
March	LEAP 2016: INSIGHT Installers available in eDIRECT. LEAP 2016: Online Tools Training (OTT) and Tutorials available in eDIRECT. LEAP 2016: Paper/Pencil Materials functionality available. LEAP 2016: Manuals posted to eDIRECT