

## PARCC Tools, Accessibility Features, and Accommodations Available for Student Practice

To help students and teachers prepare for the PARCC assessments, PARCC has provided several opportunities for practice with the content, format, tools, functionality, accessibility features, and accommodations provided on the assessments.

### **Practice Tests:**

Practice tests are aligned to the test blue print specifications for each grade and content area. In addition, answer keys are available, and for the English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) assessments, the writing rubrics are available for each grade level.

As of September 2015, the following practice tests are available:

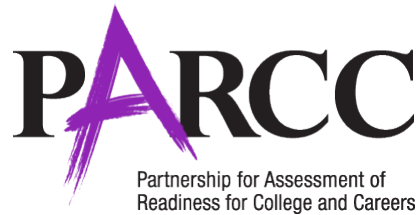
Content Area	Online (scorable)	Paper
<a href="#">English Language Arts/Literacy</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 3 – 11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer-Based Practice Test</li> <li>Text-to-Speech Practice Test</li> <li>Accommodated Screen Reader Version</li> <li>American Sign Language Version</li> <li>Closed Captioning Practice Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper-Based Practice Test</li> <li>Large Print Practice Test</li> <li>Braille ASCII File (.BRF file)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Mathematics</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 3 – 8</li> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer-Based Practice Test</li> <li>Text-to-Speech Practice Test</li> <li>Accommodated Screen Reader Version</li> <li>American Sign Language Version</li> <li>Spanish Computer-Based Practice Test</li> <li>Spanish Text-to-Speech Practice Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper-Based Practice Test</li> <li>Large Print Practice Test</li> <li>Braille ASCII File (.BRF file)</li> <li>Spanish Paper-Based Practice Test</li> <li>Spanish Large Print Practice Test</li> </ul>

Non-secure practice tests can be accessed through this link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>.

Secure practice tests can be accessed through the training site. Secure practice tests will allow students to log in with student testing tickets and have the same experience as testing day: <http://parcc.pearson.com/technology-setup/>.

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<sup>1</sup> The .BRF will be downloaded and printed locally by users. In addition, tactile graphics for the grade 8 ELA/L assessment and Mathematics assessments can be provided to accompany the .BRF and screen reader formats, when requested. Each state has established a contact person at the state education agency to contact for tactile graphics. Please refer to <http://parconline.org/practice-test-answers> for your state's contact person.



The Infrastructure Trial Guide has instructions for accessing and using the training site:  
<http://parcc.pearson.com/resources/PARCC%20Infrastructure%20Readiness%20Guide.pdf>.

### **Tutorials:**

Several tutorials have been released. These tutorials provide descriptions and step-by-step instructions for accessing the computer-based tools and navigating within TestNav. The items appearing in these tutorials are samples that allow students and educators to gain familiarity with the technology platform and paper-based format that will be used for the PARCC assessments. Available tutorials include:

- TestNav 8 Tutorial
- Printable Paper-Based Student Tutorials
  - Grades 3-5 ELA/Literacy & Mathematics
  - Grades 6-8 ELA/Literacy & Mathematics
  - High School ELA/Literacy & Mathematics
- Online Student Tutorials
  - Grades 3-5 ELA/Literacy & Mathematics
  - Grades 6-8 ELA/Literacy & Mathematics
  - High School ELA/Literacy & Mathematics
- Text-to-Speech Tutorial
  - ELA/Literacy
  - Mathematics
  - PARCC Text-to-Speech Functionality Guide
- American Sign Language Tutorial
  - ELA/Literacy
  - Mathematics
  - PARCC ASL Video Functionality Guide
- Closed Captioning Tutorial
  - ELA/Literacy
  - PARCC Closed Captioning Functionality Guide

Tutorials can be accessed here: <http://parcc.pearson.com/tutorial/>.

### **Sample Items:**

These are test questions on the technology platform that students may use as practice before taking the computer-based PARCC tests. Students can engage with the different types of items (e.g., drag-and-drop, multiple select) and computer-based tools that will be available during testing. Sample items will not be scored, but rubrics are available. Items are provided for ELA/literacy and mathematics in grade bands 3 – 5, 6 – 8, and High School.

Sample items can be accessed through this link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/sample-items/>.

### **Accessibility Training Module:**

Test Administrators are encouraged to review the PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations Training Module available online here: <http://parcc.pearson.com/manuals-training/>