



Understanding the Practice/Training Test Site

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Objectives

Describe the uses of the Smarter Practice/Training Test

Understand how to access and use the practice test/training test

Understand the Test Layout

Understand the Basic Test Rules

Understand how to use the text to speech tool



Practice and Training Test

Practice Test

Grades 3-8 and 11

**Include items and performance tasks for each grade level.
Accessed through the smarter test portal and do not require
the use of a secure browser**

Link:

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test>

Training Test

Grade Level Clusters: 3-5, 6-8, High School

**Shortened assessment for students and test administrators to
become familiar with the software and interface functionality
of the online tests.**

Emphasis on tools and interface

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test>



Options for Accessing the Practice Test



- Intended use for practice test
- One User/One Computer



- Smart Board
- Projector
- Portable labs
- Station Work-classrooms with one or two stations



- Share link with parents/students/administrators to access at home/office

ACCESSING the ONLINE PRACTICE/TRAINING TESTS

NOTE! The practice tests can **ONLY** be opened in the following browsers:

- **SBAC Secure Browsers**
- **Mozilla Firefox**
- **Google Chrome**
- **Microsoft Internet Explorer 10**
- **Apple Safari**
- <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>

Basic Practice Test Rules

Users cannot skip test items. (Users may mark an item for review and return to it later.)

Users must answer all test items on a page before going to the next page. Some pages contain multiple items. Users may need to use the vertical scroll bar to view all items on a page.

Users may mark items for review and use the Questions drop-down list at the top of the page to easily return to those items.

Test Layout

Figure 2. Sample Item Page for a Mathematics Practice Test

The screenshot shows a test interface for a student named STUDENT B (State-SSID: AI-99999991086) on page 5 of 30. The interface includes a top navigation bar with buttons for ZOOM IN, ZOOM OUT, CALCULATOR, SAVE, PAUSE, BACK, NEXT, and END TEST. A green notification box states: "The test has been completed and is ready to be submitted when you are done reviewing your answers." The main content area displays item number 14, a question about a relay race, and a number line from 0 to 2. The question asks: "How many students will a team need to complete the race? Choose the correct number." The options are $\frac{2}{5}$, $\frac{5}{2}$, 9, 10, and 20. Annotations provide instructions for various buttons and features.

Zoom in/out Buttons:

- Zoom in to enlarge text size
- Zoom out to reduce text size

View Test Instructions page

Open Calculator

Optional: Click to save answer before you move to next question. Appears for technology-enhanced items.

Pause test

Move between pages

End test button (appears after last item has been answered)

Relay Race

Students are running in a relay race. Each team will run a total of 2 miles. Each member of a team will run $\frac{1}{5}$ of a mile.

How many students will a team need to complete the race?
Choose the correct number.

You may use the number line to help find your answer.

0 1 2

$\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{5}{2}$ 9 10 20



Test Tools

General, calculator, stimulus expansion, Text to speech

General Test Tools

Available for
all
assessments:

- Highlight
- Zoom
- Mark for review
- Notepad
- Tutorial
- Strikethrough
- Instructions/help screen

Universal Tools Module:

<http://smarterbalanced.articulate-online.com/7753246145>

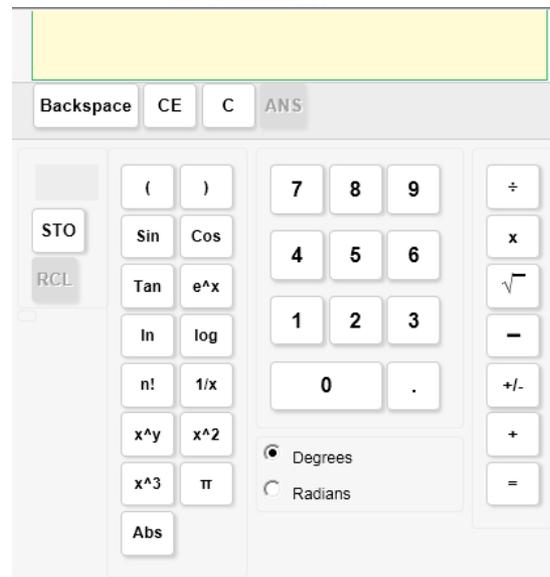
Calculators

Basic Calculator:



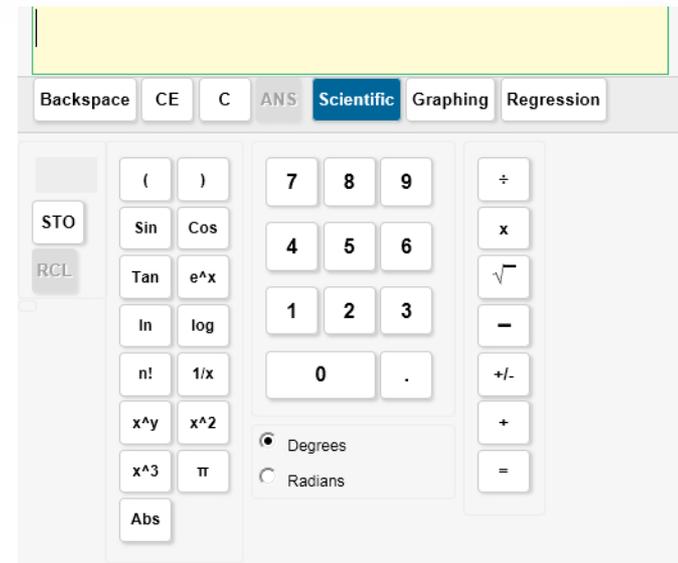
Basic Calculator

Scientific Calculator:



Scientific Calculator

Graphing, Regression,
and Scientific Calculators:



Graphing, Regression, &
Scientific

Practice Test Portal Tour



Smarter Balanced Assessments

Field Tests

Use this site to access the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), the Test Administrator Interface, the software download for the secure browser for student computers, and many other resources you can use to prepare for and administer the Smarter Balanced Field Tests.



[Download Secure Browser](#)



[Secure Pilot Test Archive](#)

Practice and Training Tests

The Practice and Training Tests are available to schools and districts for practice and training purposes, professional development activities, and for discussions with parents, policymakers, and other interested stakeholders.



TA Practice and
Training Site



Student Interface
Practice and Training
Tests



To access this option before TIDE passwords are assigned, a temporary password can be requested from the Smarter Help Desk 855-833-1969.
smarterbalancedhelpdesk@ets.org

Once TIDE passwords have been distributed TAs can access the TA Practice training site with their regular smarter log in.

To access the practice and training test without a password, click on the Student Interface Practice and Training Tests icon.

Accessing the Practice Test with the Secure Browser

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Online Testing S

Please Sign In

First Name:

Session ID:

Coming Soon

[Click here to go to the network diagnostic tool](#)

[Click here to go to the Practice/Training Test](#)

Practicing with the Text to Speech Feature

Must Use the Secure Browser

- Tip: Close all programs before launching the secure browser

Log in as Guest

On the choose settings page under Text to Speech:

- **Options:**
 - No text to speech
 - Passages and Items
 - Stimuli
 - Items

Which Option?

- Choose the option that matches the designated support or accommodation that has been determined for the individual student that complies with the [Smarter Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines](#) document. See pages 10 and 15 of the guideline for details on using text to speech as a designated support or accommodation.

How it works:

- **Option 1: Speak Question**
 - Right click anywhere on item
 - Choose: Speak Question (reads the entire item based on what was chosen in the settings)
- **Option 2: Speak selected text**
 - Student can highlight text and then right click to choose read selection
- **Pausing or Stopping Audio**
 - Student right clicks when audio is playing and can choose to pause/play or stop the audio.

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Sample Items and Performance Tasks

Smarter Balanced sample items illustrate the rigor and complexity of the English language arts/literacy and mathematics items and performance tasks students will encounter on the Consortium's next-generation assessments.

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