Alternate ELPAC

Alternate English Language
Proficiency Assessments for California



Scoring Guide



Practice Test Grade 2

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Introduction to the Practice Test Scoring Guide

This Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) Practice Test Scoring Guide offers details about the test questions, student response types, correct responses, and related scoring considerations for the included samples of practice items. The practice test gives students, parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators, and others an opportunity to become familiar with the types of test questions on the Alternate ELPAC. When students know what to expect on the test, they will be better prepared to demonstrate their English language proficiency. The practice test provides a sample of the question types and grade-level content on the Alternate ELPAC and contains the same number of questions that appear on the operational tests.

The following information is presented for each item:

- Item: The item is the number that corresponds to the test question as it appears in the practice test.
- **Key:** The key represents the correct answer to the item and includes the score point value for the item and its parts. Items are worth either one or two points. For some technology-enhanced items, there is also a picture of the correct answer marked.
- Task Type: Each task type is an activity that was designed to gather targeted evidence of a student's English language proficiency (for example, "Communicate About Familiar Topics"). A task type is a set with a story or passage and two to four items. Each set is about a topic, such as taking a field trip or going to an event at school.
- Connector: The Alternate ELPAC is designed to align with the California 2012 English Language Development (ELD) Standards via the ELD Connectors, which reduce the depth, breadth, and complexity of the standards, as appropriate for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The connectors represent the highest level of expected performance in English language proficiency at a given grade or grade span.
- Linguistic Complexity Level (LCL): There are three linguistic complexity levels on the Alternate ELPAC: low, medium, and high. Each of these describes the English language skills expected of the student at the given level.



Grade 2 Practice Test Items

Item metadata table for items 1–2

Item	Key	Task Type and Topic	Connector	LCL
1	B (1 Point)	Recognize and Use Common Words Head	PI.B.5: Listen actively in social and academic contexts by asking and answering questions about key details, identifying the main idea, and by retelling parts of a story from read-alouds and oral presentations.	Low
			PI.B.6: Read texts and view multimedia to answer questions about key details, identify main idea, and retell parts of a story from read-alouds, picture books, and simple written texts.	
2	Sample Responses and rubric provided below	Recognize and Use Common Words Head	PII.B.4: Recognize and use an increasing number of nouns and noun phrases in producing simple and compound sentences on familiar topics in shared language activities.	Low

Sample Responses and rubric for item 2:

Score A—Correct	Score B— Correct After MODELING	Score C—Incorrect
 The student provides a correct response. Sample Response hand 	The student provides a correct response after modeling. Sample Response hand	No responseNot in EnglishIncorrect response
• The student indicates "hand."	The student indicates "hand" after modeling.	 No response Not in English Incorrect response, e.g., "foot" or "head"



Item metadata table for items 3-4

Item	Key	Task Type and Topic	Connector	LCL
3	B (1 Point)	Communicate about Familiar Topics Orange	PI.A.1: Exchange information and ideas by participating in short conversations, asking and answering simple questions, and following some rules for discussion about familiar social and academic topics.	Low
			PI.B.6: Read texts and view multimedia to answer questions about key details, identify main idea, and retell parts of a story from read-alouds, picture books, and simple written texts.	
4	Sample Responses and rubric provided below	Communicate about Familiar Topics Orange	PI.A.1: Exchange information and ideas by participating in short conversations, asking and answering simple questions, and following some rules for discussion about familiar social and academic topics.	Low
			PI.C.10: Write or compose short texts by telling or dictating information about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events using appropriate technology.	

Sample Responses and rubric for item 4:

Score A—Correct	Score B— Correct After MODELING	Score C—Incorrect
 The student provides a correct response. Sample Response yes 	The student provides a correct response after modeling. Sample Response yes	No response Not in English Incorrect response



Item metadata table continuation showing items 5–12

Item	Key	Category	Connector	Tier
5	A (1 Point)	Understand a School Exchange On the Court	PI.B.5: Listen actively in social and academic contexts by asking and answering questions about key details, identifying the main idea, and by retelling parts of a story from read-alouds and oral presentations.	Low
			PI.B.6: Read texts and view multimedia to answer questions about key details, identify main idea, and retell parts of a story from read-alouds, picture books, and simple written texts.	
6	A (1 Point)	Understand a School Exchange On the Court	PI.A.1: Exchange information and ideas by participating in short conversations, asking and answering simple questions, and following some rules for discussion about familiar social and academic topics.	Low
7	B (1 Point)	Understand a School Exchange On the Court	PI.A.1: Exchange information and ideas by participating in short conversations, asking and answering simple questions, and following some rules for discussion about familiar social and academic topics.	Medium
8	B (1 Point)	Understand a School Exchange On the Court	PI.A.4: Adapt language choices to social and academic contexts by using an increasing number of learned words, sounds, expressions, and gestures.	Medium
9	A (1 Point)	Describe a Routine Math Helpers	PI.B.5: Listen actively in social and academic contexts by asking and answering questions about key details, identifying the main idea, and by retelling parts of a story from readalouds and oral presentations.	Medium
			PI.B.6: Read texts and view multimedia to answer questions about key details, identify main idea, and retell parts of a story from read-alouds, picture books, and simple written texts.	



Item	Key	Category	Connector	Tier
10	C (1 Point)	Describe a Routine Math Helpers	PI.B.5: Listen actively in social and academic contexts by asking and answering questions about key details, identifying the main idea, and by retelling parts of a story from readalouds and oral presentations.	Medium
			PI.B.6: Read texts and view multimedia to answer questions about key details, identify main idea, and retell parts of a story from read-alouds, picture books, and simple written texts.	
11	B (1 Point)	Describe a Routine Math Helpers	PII.A.2: Show an understanding of cohesion by comprehending how ideas or events are linked in text, retelling a short sequence of events, and using temporal and connector words.	Medium
12	Sample Responses and rubric provided below	Describe a Routine Math Helpers	PII.A.2: Show an understanding of cohesion by comprehending how ideas or events are linked in text, retelling a short sequence of events, and using temporal and connector words.	Medium

Sample Responses and rubric for item 12:

Score A—Correct	Score B—Partially Correct	Score C—Incorrect
 The student provides a correct response. Sample Responses happy / good other correct response not mentioned in the story 	The student response is generally related to the text but does not answer the specific prompt. Sample Responses math / Sara / Max	No responseNot in EnglishIncorrect response
• The student indicates "happy."	• The student indicates "surprised."	 No response Not in English Incorrect response, e.g., "sad"



Item metadata table continuation showing items 13–15

Item	Key	Category	Connector	Tier
13	A (1 Point)	Understand and Express an Opinion Winter or Summer	PI.B.5: Listen actively in social and academic contexts by asking and answering questions about key details, identifying the main idea, and by retelling parts of a story from read-alouds and oral presentations. PI.B.6: Read texts and view multimedia to answer questions about key details, identify main idea, and retell parts of a story from read-alouds, picture books, and simple written texts.	Medium
14	C (1 Point)	Understand and Express an Opinion Winter or Summer	PI.A.3: Offer and support opinions with others by expressing a preference or an opinion and providing one or more reasons from a familiar topic or story.	Medium
15	Sample Responses and rubric provided below	Understand and Express an Opinion Winter or Summer	PI.C.11: Support own opinions in speaking and writing by expressing an opinion or preference and providing one or more reasons about a familiar topic.	Medium

Sample Responses and rubric for item 15:

Score A—Correct	Score B—Partially Correct	Score C—Incorrect
 The student indicates a choice and gives an appropriate reason. Sample Responses Winter. I like to build a snowman. / Winter. Because it's pretty. / Summer. There's no school. / Fall. I like the color of the leaves. 	The student indicates a choice but no reason, gives a reason but no choice, or gives a response that does not answer the prompt but is related to the story. Sample Response The teacher told about weather.	No responseNot in EnglishIncorrect response
 The student indicates winter and either "There is snow" or "I like my coat." The student indicates summer and either "Swimming is fun" or "There is no school." 	• The student indicates a choice but no reason, indicates a choice and an incorrect reason, gives a reason but no choice, or gives a response that does not answer the prompt but is related to the story.	No responseNot in EnglishIncorrect response



Item metadata table continuation showing item 16

Item	Key	Category	Connector	Tier
16	Sample Responses and rubric provided below	Understand and Express an Opinion Winter or Summer	PI.C.11: Support own opinions in speaking and writing by expressing an opinion or preference and providing one or more reasons about a familiar topic.	High

Sample Responses and rubric for item 16:

Score A—Correct	Score B—Partially Correct	Score C—Incorrect
 The student indicates a choice and gives an appropriate reason. Sample Responses Yes. It is fun. / No. I do not like water. 	The student indicates a choice but no reason, gives a reason but no choice, or gives a response that does not answer the prompt but is related to the story. Sample Response Kimi has a sled.	No responseNot in EnglishIncorrect response
 The student indicates yes and either "Splashing is fun" or "I see my friends." The student indicates no and either "I don't like to swim" or "It is too hot." 	• The student indicates a choice but no reason, indicates a choice and an incorrect reason, gives a reason but no choice, or gives a response that does not answer the prompt but is related to the story.	No responseNot in EnglishIncorrect response

Item metadata table continuation showing items 17–19

Item	Key	Category	Connector	Tier
17	C (1 Point)	Interact with a Literary Text A Day at the Beach	PI.B.5: Listen actively in social and academic contexts by asking and answering questions about key details, identifying the main idea, and by retelling parts of a story from read-alouds and oral presentations.	Medium
			PI.B.6: Read texts and view multimedia to answer questions about key details, identify main idea, and retell parts of a story from read-alouds, picture books, and simple written texts.	



Item	Key	Category	Connector	Tier
18	B (1 Point)	Interact with a Literary Text A Day at the Beach	PI.B.5: Listen actively in social and academic contexts by asking and answering questions about key details, identifying the main idea, and by retelling parts of a story from readalouds and oral presentations.	Medium
			PI.B.6: Read texts and view multimedia to answer questions about key details, identify main idea, and retell parts of a story from read- alouds, picture books, and simple written texts.	
19	Sample Responses and rubric provided below	Interact with a Literary Text A Day at the Beach PI.C.9: Express information and ideas by telling or dictating information about familiar texts, topics, experience or events.		High
			PI.C.10: Write or compose short texts by telling or dictating information about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events using appropriate technology.	

Sample Responses and rubric for item 19:

Score A—Correct	Score B—Partially Correct	Score C—Incorrect
 The student provides a correct response. Sample Responses swam / played / ran / ate other correct response not mentioned in the story 	The student response is generally related to the text but does not answer the specific prompt. Sample Responses sand / beach	No responseNot in EnglishIncorrect response
• The student indicates "played at the beach."	• The student indicates "played at the pool."	 No response Not in English Incorrect response, e.g., "played at the gym"



Item metadata table continuation showing items 20–24

Item	Key	Category	Connector	Tier
20	A (1 Point)	Interact with a Literary Text A Day at the Beach	PI.C.9: Express information and ideas by telling or dictating information about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events.	Medium
			PI.C.10: Write or compose short texts by telling or dictating information about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events using appropriate technology.	
21	B (1 Point)	Interact with an Informational Text What Plants Need	PIII: Use foundational literacy skills by distinguishing uppercase from lowercase letters, recognizing familiar words used in everyday routines, recognizing an increasing number of letter sounds, and participating in shared reading activities. PI.B.5: Listen actively in social and academic contexts by asking and answering questions about key details, identifying the main idea,	High
			and by retelling parts of a story from read-alouds and oral presentations.	
22	B (1 Point)	Interact with an Informational Text What Plants Need	PII.A.2: Show an understanding of cohesion by comprehending how ideas or events are linked in text, retelling a short sequence of events, and using temporal and connector words.	High
23	A (1 Point)	Interact with an Informational Text What Plants Need	PII.C.6: Connect ideas by using frequently occurring connecting words and by combining two simple sentences into a compound sentence in shared language activities.	High



Item	Key	Category	Connector	Tier
24	Sample Responses and rubric provided below	Interact with an Informational Text What Plants Need	PI.C.9: Express information and ideas by telling or dictating information about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events.	High
			PI.C.10: Write or compose short texts by telling or dictating information about familiar texts, topics, experiences, or events using appropriate technology.	

Sample Responses and rubric for item 24:

Score A—Correct	Score B—Partially Correct	Score C—Incorrect
 The student provides a correct response. Sample Responses the dirt / the ground / the rain other correct response not mentioned in the story 	The student response is generally related to the text but does not answer the specific prompt. Sample Responses leaves / plants	No responseNot in EnglishIncorrect response
• The student indicates "dirt."	• The student indicates "leaves."	 No response Not in English Incorrect response, e.g., "bugs"