

# California Spanish Assessment Practice and Training Tests



The optional California Spanish Assessment (CSA) is the state’s assessment of Spanish reading/language arts and is aligned with the *California Common Core State Standards (CCSS) en Español*—a translated and linguistically augmented version of the *California CCSS for English Language Arts & Literacy*.

## The CSA assesses the following domains:

Listening



Speaking (high school only)



Reading



Writing



The practice and training tests are intended to provide students, parents, and guardians with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the types of questions on the CSA.

The practice and training tests include constructed-response speaking questions although speaking is only on the high school test for the operational assessment. The purpose of including speaking items is to provide students, parents and guardians, and educators with the opportunity to prepare students in lower grades for the high school CSA test.

The practice and training tests also can be administered in a standardized way that simulates a testing environment or in a nonstandardized manner for instructional purposes.



## Why administer the practice and training tests?

To provide students with the opportunity to:

- practice the full-write and speaking constructed-response items;
- practice recording, listen to, and rerecord their speaking responses;
- practice using the writing tools (e.g., accent marks);
- interact with technology-enhanced items; and
- familiarize themselves with embedded accessibility resources.

## What is included in the practice and training tests?

- Practice tests: Each test includes listening, speaking, reading, and writing items. There are eight speaking constructed-response items and one full-write constructed-response item per grade level and high school.
- Training tests: One 10-question test including items of each type plus one full-write item and one speaking constructed-response item for grade spans 3–5, 6–8, and high school

For more information, visit the [California Department of Education CSA web page](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/csa.asp) at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/csa.asp>.