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# ELPAC

English Language Proficiency  
Assessments for California



## Speaking: Directions for Administration



## Training Test Grades 9–10

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## ELPAC Administration Notes

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### FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ELPAC OR FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:

- Test examiners and other school personnel should contact their LEA ELPAC coordinator.
- LEA ELPAC coordinators should contact the California Technical Assistance Center (CalTAC) by phone at 800-955-2954, or by email at [caltac@ets.org](mailto:caltac@ets.org). CalTAC is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# Directions for Administration







## Introduction to the ELPAC Training Test Directions for Administration

This Speaking *Directions for Administration* (DFA) document contains information needed by test examiners to prepare for and administer the computer-based English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

### Using the DFA

This DFA document should be used to administer the Speaking domain only. For Kindergarten through Grade 2, to administer the other domains, download the Listening and Reading DFA for each specific grade. The Writing test for Kindergarten through Grade 2 is administered in a paper-based format. Please refer to the Writing practice test materials available on <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests>.

This DFA contains scripts for administration. The following symbols indicate instructions for test examiners\*:

Guide to Administration Scripts in This DFA	How the Test Examiner Should Proceed
	The test examiner reads the material out loud to the student.
	The test examiner is required to press the record button on the student's screen before reading the SAY text.
	The test examiner is required to point to the text or pictures on the student's screen.
	Information for the test examiner
	Advance to the next question
	Stopping marker

\*A test examiner does not need to be present to use the ELPAC Training Test; however, the term "test examiner" is used in this document to show what a test examiner will do to administer the test.

# Directions for Administration (cont.)

## Administering a Training Test Session

The Speaking portion of the ELPAC is administered by the test examiner. Each student will be tested individually.

- If you are administering the training test using the same procedures as the operational tests, confirm that the student has been assigned the correct test settings (designated supports and accommodations) in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS).
- If you are administering the training test using a standard supported web browser without the use of the Test Administrator Interface or secure browser, apply the appropriate test settings (designated supports and accommodations) for the student in the Student Testing Interface for the practice and training tests directly.
- Gather the following test materials:
  - The correct grade-level Speaking DFA
  - Electronic device for the student to access the test
  - Scratch paper for note-taking
  - Pencils with erasers
  - Headsets and splitter for the test examiner and student (if preferred)

### Speaking Administration—All Speaking Task Types

Subject	Directions
Prompting guidelines	See individual questions in this document for prompting guidelines.
When to stop the test	Refer to stopping markers in this document.
Note-taking	Note-taking is allowed for all Speaking task types. Students may take notes on scratch paper or in the notepad section on the electronic device.


## Preparing to Administer and Score the Speaking Domain

Before administering the test, the following is recommended:

- Prepare testing devices and materials for students and examiners.
- Check the volume on the student device prior to entering the Student Interface, and set the volume to MAX prior to logging in.
- Select a quiet area to administer the test. Eliminate distractions (e.g., extraneous noises, windows, clutter, etc.).

It is highly recommended that test examiners spend time preparing to administer and score the Speaking domain. The ELPAC includes task types with integrated skills, multiple rubrics, reading of complex academic text, and increased interactions between students and test examiners. The following are suggestions to help prepare for a successful test administration.

# Directions for Administration (cont.)

- **Practice and Modeling:** A practice question is included as part of the audio capture so the test examiner may provide feedback to let the student know they are responding correctly. The practice question in the audio capture is “Describe what you are wearing today.” For example, if the student responded to the practice question saying, “A shirt and pants,” the test examiner lets the student know the response was correct. If the student does not successfully respond, the test examiner models a correct response for the student, saying, “You could have said, ‘I am wearing blue pants and a white shirt.’”
- **Prompting Guidelines:** The prompting guidelines vary for each task type. The words that the test examiner can say are located on the page that is read to the student. Test examiners should be familiar with each task type and the prompting guidelines.
- **Oral Reading of Test Questions:** Because of the length and complexity of some questions read by the test examiner, it is suggested to practice reading the text out loud several times prior to testing a student.
- **Pointing:** Some questions require the test examiner to point, as indicated by the  icon, while reading the text out loud to the student. This should be rehearsed prior to the test administration. Do not point to pictures or text unless directed to in the Speaking DFA. Test examiners may use the cursor, pencil or pen, or their finger to point.
- **Anchors and Rubrics:** The test examiner should take time to read through the anchors and scoring rubrics for each test question before testing. Scoring of the Speaking domain occurs as the test is being administered.
- **Scoring Practice:** Each task type includes training and calibration quizzes in the Moodle Training Site to assist test examiners in listening and scoring student responses. It is highly recommended that test examiners use this resource.

## Prompting and Scoring Guidelines for the Speaking Domain

- **Prompting—Appropriate Wait Time:** The amount of time it takes for students to respond to a test question varies greatly. Test examiners should allow students enough time to compose their thoughts and prepare a response in English.
- **Prompting—Student Answers Question Before Test Examiner Asks:** Some students anticipate the next question and start to respond before the test examiner asks the question. The test examiner should not interrupt the student to ask the question. If the student response does not address the question, the test examiner should ask the question.
- **Prompting—Repeating the Question:** When a student asks or does not respond, you may repeat the question once.
- **Prompting—Encouraging Students:** Throughout the test, if a student is reluctant or asks for assistance that is not allowed, test examiners should give general encouragement by saying words such as, “It’s OK, do your best,” or “You are doing a good job,” etc.

# Directions for Administration (cont.)

- **Scoring—Self-Correction:** Since students respond to test questions fairly quickly, they sometimes change what they say in the middle of a word or sentence. Students who self-correct are not to be penalized; however, if a response is so halting or choppy that meaning is impeded, it may affect the score.

## Audio Capture

For the training test, audio capture is available for practice of the Speaking domain. If your computer does not have a microphone or the settings do not allow audio capture, you may administer the test without recording the student's responses.

During the operational administration of the Speaking domain, the following guidelines apply to the audio capture tool. The test examiner should score what the student says, not what is recorded. If the following occur, the test examiner may continue to the next question and does not need to rerecord:


- Test examiner forgets to record a response.
- Test examiner records response on the wrong question.
- Test examiner sees a red triangle in the review box when ending the test session.

Use of headsets with a microphone for voice capture is not recommended to enable interaction between the student and test examiner. Headsets are recommended for grades 3–12 Summarize an Academic Presentation streaming audio.

If the student is wearing a headset for Summarize an Academic Presentation, the test examiner must also wear a headset to be able to hear the presentation and point appropriately to pictures and text on the student's screen. Two headsets may require a splitter.

Once the test examiner has navigated to the next test question, the audio will not be able to be replayed. The test examiner does not need to replay the student response to confirm the audio capture.

## When to Stop the Test

There are stopping markers in the Speaking domain as indicated by the . If there have been no responses or no correct responses to the stopping marker, the test examiner may stop administering the Speaking domain, by clicking **[Pause]**.



## Additional Directions

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### How to Print the DFA (optional) or View the DFA Online

#### Printing Instructions:

If possible, choose the following settings when printing the DFA:

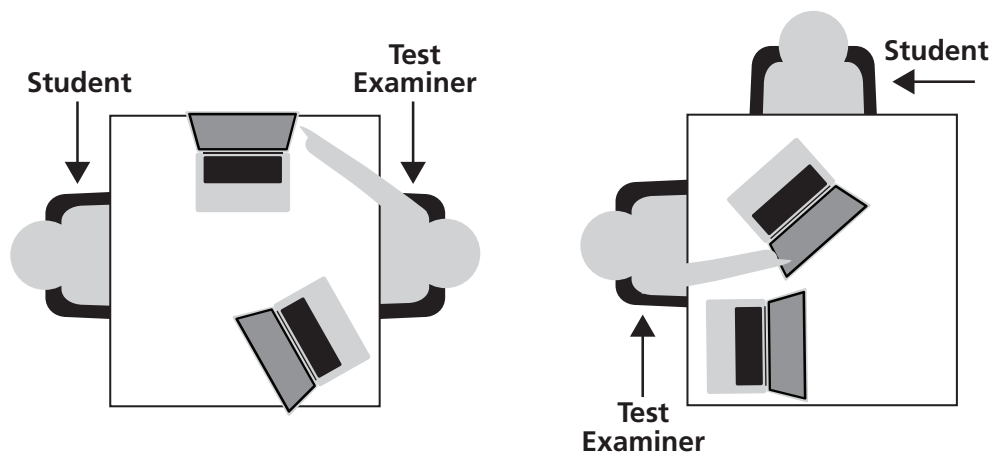
- Select two-sided printing (with binding on the long edge).
- Staple on the vertical edge, left-hand side of the printed document.
- Turn the document horizontally when viewing the test questions.

#### Instructions for Viewing Online:

- Open the PDF file in Adobe Acrobat.
- When you get to the test questions, rotate the view by going to: **View** (on the main menu) > **Rotate View** > and select **Clockwise**.

### Recommended Seating Arrangement

The following shows two options for seating arrangements for the test examiner and the student.



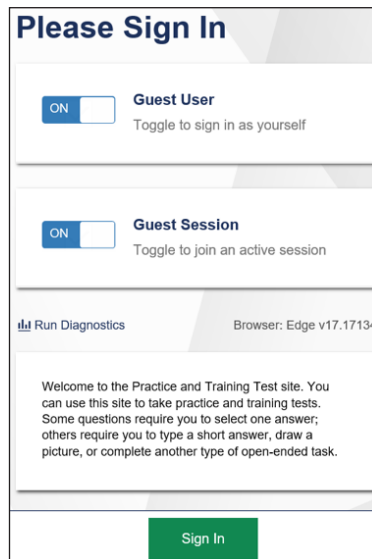
# Directions for Administration (cont.)

## Logon and Audio/Sound Check Instructions

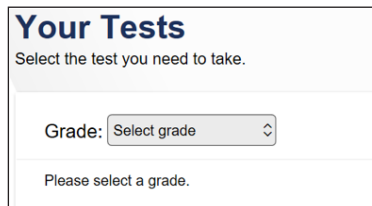
### How to Start a Test Session as a Guest

**SAY** Today you will be taking the Speaking section of the ELPAC. First, I am going to sign you in.

- 1) Navigate to the ELPAC website (<https://www.elpac.org>).
- 2) Select the **[Practice & Training Tests]** button.
- 3) Select the **[Student Interface Practice and Training Tests]** link to launch the Student Sign In screen on the student's testing device.
- 4) Select the **[Sign In]** button to log onto the test as a guest.

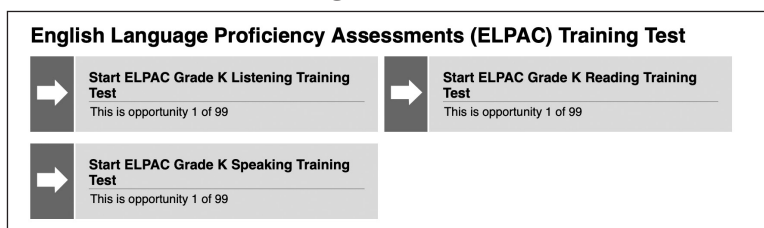


- 5) Select the appropriate grade from the drop-down menu.



- 6) On the test selection screen, select the appropriate ELPAC training test. ELPAC training tests are located at the bottom of the list and are color-coded dark grey.

### SAMPLE



# Directions for Administration (cont.)

7) You will see a Choose Settings screen.

**Choose Settings:**  
Review the following test settings. You can change the options, if necessary.

**ELPAC Grade K Speaking Training Test**

**Presentation**

- American Sign Language: OFF
- Presentation: English
- Audio Transcriptions: OFF

**Literacy Assistance Resources**

- Text-to-Speech: None

**Integration with Assistive Technology**

- Permissive Mode: OFF

**Visual Assistance Resources**

8) Choose test settings as needed, then select the **[Select]** button.

**SAY** Before we begin, we need to check to see if the computer will record your voice. In this test, I'm going to ask you some questions and record your answers.

Point to the microphone.

**Audio/Video Checks**  
Your test uses multi-media features. Please perform the following checks before continuing.

**Recording Device Check**  
Make sure your recording device is working.

1. To start recording, press the Microphone button.
2. Say your name into your recording device.
3. When you are done, press the Stop button.
4. To listen to your recording, press the Play button.

**Next Step:**  
If you heard your recording, choose I heard my recording. If not, choose I did not hear my recording.

I heard my recording I did not hear my recording

Practice and Training Test Site Continue Skip Recording Check Back

**i** If your computer allows audio capture, please follow these steps, otherwise select **[Skip Recording Check]**.

**SAY** Before giving your answers, I'm going to press the microphone to record your answer here. When it is time to record your answer, I will press the microphone and you will see a white circle. Let's practice.

**SAY** Describe what you are wearing today.

**i** Pause for student's response. Acknowledge the student's correct response, or model a correct response, such as "You could have said, 'I am wearing blue pants and a white shirt.'"

**SAY** Now let's see if it recorded your voice.

**i** Playback

**SAY** Did you hear yourself?

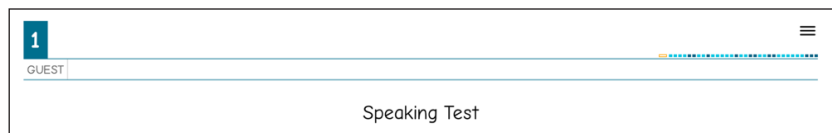
**i** Pause for student's response.

**SAY** OK, let's get started.

**i** Select [**I heard my recording**]. Select the [**Continue**] button.

View Test Settings or Help Guide as needed. Select [**Begin Test Now**].

When Question 1 Speaking Test comes up, ask the student,



**SAY** Do you have any questions?

**i** Answer the student's questions.

**SAY** Remember to answer all of the questions in English. If you want me to repeat a question, you can ask me to. OK, let's get started.

➔ NEXT

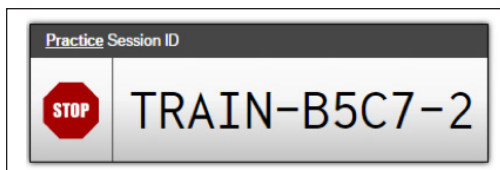
# Directions for Administration (cont.)

## How to Start a Training Test Session Using the Same Procedures as the Operational Tests

**SAY** Today you will be taking the Speaking section of the ELPAC. First, I am going to sign you in.

### TEST ADMINISTRATOR INTERFACE

- 1) Launch a supported web browser on your device and access the ELPAC website (<https://www.elpac.org>).
- 2) Select the **[Practice & Training Tests]** button.
- 3) Select the **[Test Administrator and Test Examiner Practice and Training Site]** to log on to the **Test Administrator Interface** for the training test.
- 4) Log on to the **Test Administrator Interface** using your TOMS username (your email address) and password.
- 5) Select the training test(s) you want to administer from the test selection window.
- 6) Select the **[Start Practice Session]** button.
- 7) Upon selecting the **[Start Practice Session]** button, a Session ID will appear on the top right corner of the **Test Administrator Interface**.



# Directions for Administration (cont.)

## STUDENT INTERFACE

8) Launch the secure browser on the student's testing device or select the [**Student Interface Practice and Training Tests**] link from the Practice and Training Tests tab on [elpac.org](http://elpac.org).

9) Toggle the blue **Guest User** and **Guest Session** buttons to [**OFF**], and log the student on.

- In the First Name field, enter the student's first name as it appears in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.
- In the SSID field, enter the student's 10-digit Statewide Student Identifier.
- In the Session ID field, enter the Session ID generated from the **Test Administrator Interface**.

**Please Sign In**

OFF **Guest User**  
Toggle to sign in as yourself

**First Name:**  
EX: JORDAN

**SSID:**  
EX: 123456789

OFF **Guest Session**  
Toggle to join an active session

**Session ID:**  
TRAIN

Run Diagnostics Browser: Safari v12.1

Welcome to the Practice and Training Test site. You can use this site to take practice and training tests. Some questions require you to select one answer; others require you to type a short answer, draw a picture, or complete another type of open-ended task.

Sign In

10) Verify the student information is correct on the Is This You? screen. Select [**Yes**] to continue. (Select [**No**] if the student information is not correct. Notify your ELPAC coordinator if it is not.)

**Is This You?**  
Please review the following information.

<b>SSID:</b> 9294015902	<b>First Name</b> DAY
<b>Grade</b> 01	<b>School:</b> Richard Riordan Primary Center
<b>State</b> California	

Yes No

# Directions for Administration (cont.)

## STUDENT INTERFACE (cont.)

11) On the test selection screen, select the appropriate ELPAC training test. ELPAC training tests are located at the bottom of the list and are color-coded dark grey.

### SAMPLE

**English Language Proficiency Assessments (ELPAC) Training Test**

Start ELPAC Grade K Listening Training Test  
This is opportunity 1 of 99

Start ELPAC Grade K Reading Training Test  
This is opportunity 1 of 99

Start ELPAC Grade K Speaking Training Test  
This is opportunity 1 of 99

## TEST ADMINISTRATOR INTERFACE

12) Go back to your test examiner device and in the **Test Administrator Interface**, approve the student to test.

13) Verify you have selected the correct test and test settings for the student by selecting the **[Approvals]** button.

## STUDENT INTERFACE

14) Go back to the student testing device and administer the assessment using the script that starts in the next section of this DFA.

15) You will see this screen. Choose test settings as needed, then select the **[Select]** button.

**Choose Settings:**  
Review the following test settings. You can change the options, if necessary.

**ELPAC Grade K Speaking Training Test**

**Presentation**

American Sign Language  OFF

Presentation

Audio Transcriptions  OFF

**Literacy Assistance Resources**

Text-to-Speech


**Integration with Assistive Technology**

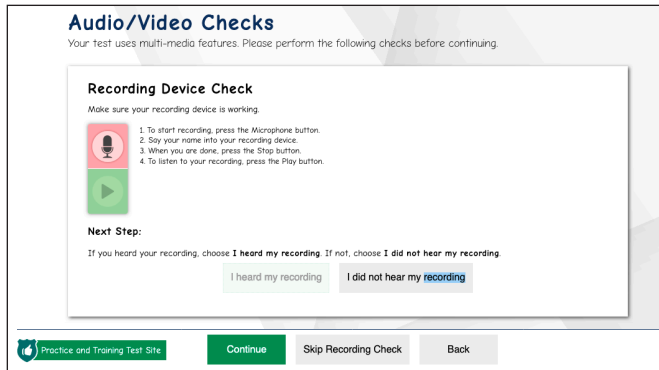
Permissive Mode  OFF

**SAY** Before we begin, we need to check to see if the computer will record your voice. In this test, I'm going to ask you some questions and record your answers.

# Directions for Administration (cont.)

## STUDENT INTERFACE (cont.)

 Point to the microphone.



**i** If your computer allows audio capture, please follow these steps, otherwise select **[Skip Recording Check]**.

**SAY** Before giving your answers, I'm going to press the microphone to record your answer here. When it is time to record your answer, I will press the microphone and you will see a white circle. Let's practice.

**SAY** Describe what you are wearing today.

**i** Pause for student's response. Acknowledge the student's correct response, or model a correct response, such as "You could have said, 'I am wearing blue pants and a white shirt.'"

**SAY** Now let's see if it recorded your voice.

**i** Playback

**SAY** Did you hear yourself?

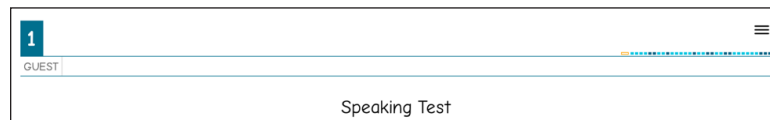
**i** Pause for student's response.

**SAY** OK, let's get started.

**i** Select **[I heard my recording]**. Select the **[Continue]** button.

View Test Settings or Help Guide as needed. Select **[Begin Test Now]**.

When Question 1 Speaking Test comes up, ask the student,



**SAY** Do you have any questions?

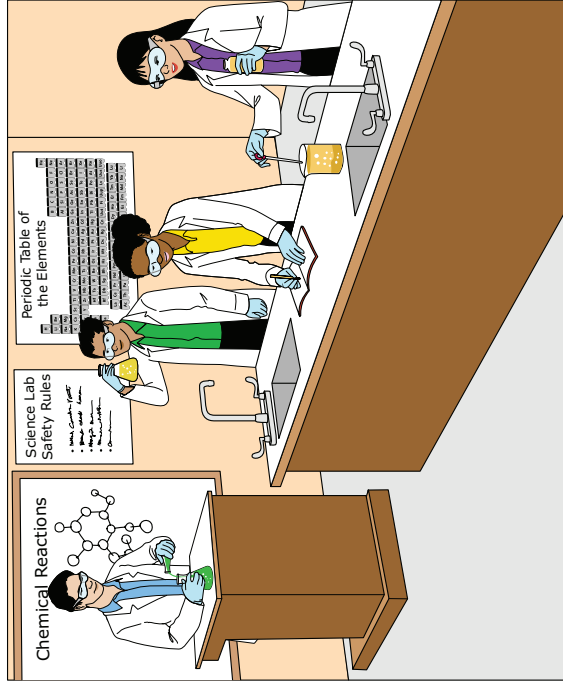
**i** Answer the student's questions.

**SAY** Remember to answer all of the questions in English. If you want me to repeat a question, you can ask me to. OK, let's get started.

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No.	Question	Score 0	Score 1
	<p><b>SAY</b> Look at the picture. I am going to ask you some questions about it.</p> <p>☞ Point to the student writing.</p> <p><b>SAY</b> What is the student doing? ☞ NEXT</p> <p>☞ Point to the student holding up the beaker.</p> <p><b>SAY</b> What is the student holding? ☞ NEXT</p> <p>☞ Point to the man behind the lectern.</p> <p><b>SAY</b> What is the teacher doing? ☞ NEXT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorrect response/not relevant/completely unintelligible/no response/response contains no English/“I don’t know.”</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Student.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Holding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ I forget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Writing some form of data.</li> <li>◦ Writing/taking notes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Holding a glass/flask/cup with chemicals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Mixing/pouring/putting chemicals (in the other glass).</li> <li>◦ Showing them how to do it.</li> </ul>
2	<p>☞ Point to the student writing.</p> <p><b>SAY</b> What is the student doing? ☞ NEXT</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Student.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Writing some form of data.</li> <li>◦ Writing/taking notes.</li> </ul>
3	<p>☞ Point to the student holding up the beaker.</p> <p><b>SAY</b> What is the student holding? ☞ NEXT</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Holding.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Holding a glass/flask/cup with chemicals.</li> </ul>
4	<p>☞ Point to the man behind the lectern.</p> <p><b>SAY</b> What is the teacher doing? ☞ NEXT</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ I forget.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Anchor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Mixing/pouring/putting chemicals (in the other glass).</li> <li>◦ Showing them how to do it.</li> </ul>

No.	Question	Score 0	Score 1	Score 2
	<b>i</b> For questions 5–7, if the student gives a one-word response, say, “Tell me more.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response is not relevant.</li> <li>• Response contains no English.</li> <li>• No response, “I don’t know,” or is completely unintelligible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response is limited or partially relevant.</li> <li>• Errors in grammar, pronunciation, or intonation impede meaning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response is relevant.</li> <li>• Errors in grammar, pronunciation, or intonation do not impede meaning.</li> </ul>
5	<b>SAY</b> What kind of room is this? <b>i</b> Wait for the student’s response. <b>SAY</b> How do you know? NEXT	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Umm . . .</li> </ul>	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ A chemical.</li> </ul> [Examiner: How do you know?] (No response.)	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ A lab.</li> </ul> [Examiner: How do you know?] Because of all of the chemicals.
6	<b>SAY</b> Describe the area where the students are standing. NEXT	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ I don’t know.</li> </ul>	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ They’re standing . . . they’re standing.</li> </ul>	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ A lab table.</li> </ul>
7	<b>SAY</b> Describe what the students in the picture are wearing. NEXT	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ I forget.</li> </ul>	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ They’re wearing a white . . . I don’t know what it’s called.</li> </ul>	<b>Anchor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The students are wearing white lab coats/safety coats/glasses/goggles.</li> </ul>

### Prompting Guidelines: Talk About a Scene

If the student does not answer or requests that a question be repeated, you may repeat the question once.

If the student points, pantomimes, or points to people and things while saying words such as *this/that/these/those*, say, “Tell me in words.”

For questions 5–7, if the student gives a one-word response, say, “Tell me more.”

For question 7, if the student gives a response such as “There is nothing more to say,” repeat the question.



No.	Question	Function	Score 0	Score 1	Score 2
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response does not address the language function.</li><li>• Response contains no English.</li><li>• No response, or “I don’t know,” or is completely unintelligible.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response addresses the language function in a limited way. Listener effort is required to interpret meaning.</li><li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation impede meaning.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response appropriately addresses the language function in a clear way. No listener effort is required to interpret meaning.</li><li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation do not impede meaning.</li></ul>
8	Science Project	Asking for information	<b>Anchor:</b> I don’t know.	<b>Anchor:</b> How’s it going?	<b>Anchor:</b> Have you finished the science project yet?

**SAY** Now let's practice a different kind of question. There are no pictures. I'm going to tell you about a situation that could happen to you. Then, tell me what you would say. Make sure your answer is appropriate for your audience.

**PRACTICE—DO NOT RECORD**

**SAY** You want to know if your friend finished a math worksheet. What would you say to your friend?

**i** Pause. Wait for an answer.

Acknowledge the student's correct response, or model a correct response, such as "*Did you finish your worksheet?*" or "*Are you done with your worksheet?*"

Function: asking for information

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**SAY** You want to know if your friend has finished working on a science project. What would you say to your friend?

Function: asking for information

The student might say, "*Did you finish your project?*" or "*How is your science project going?*"

➔ NEXT

**NOTE**

If there have been no responses or no correct responses to this point, you may stop testing in the Speaking domain. Select **[Pause]**.

**Prompting Guidelines: Speech Functions**

If the student does not answer or requests that a question be repeated, you may repeat the question once.



Score 0	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An opinion is not expressed.</li> <li>• Response contains no English.</li> <li>• No response, “I don’t know,” or is completely unintelligible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An opinion is expressed but is not supported. A reason is not provided, is not relevant, or is not clear. Significant listener effort may be required to interpret meaning.</li> <li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation often impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech may consist of isolated words or phrases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An opinion is expressed and supported using simple language and at least one simple relevant reason, or repeats language from the prompt. Listener effort may be required to interpret meaning.</li> <li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation occasionally impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech may be slow, choppy, or halting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An opinion is expressed and supported using effective language* and at least one relevant reason with explanation or elaboration. Little to no listener effort is required to interpret meaning.</li> <li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation do not impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech is fairly smooth and sustained.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Anchor:</b> I don’t know.</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b> The outdoor space. [Examiner: Tell me more about your choice.] I don’t know.</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b> I think it would be to expand technology because I like computers. [Examiner: Tell me more about your choice.] (No response.)</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b> An outdoor space because then you could relax and study in the fresh air which would be much better for your health.</p>

\* **Note:** Effective language is defined as including all or some of the following attributes: noun and verb phrases using precise vocabulary, modal verbs, text connectives, causal words, authoritative expression, and comparative language.

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**SAY** Now,

**SAY** I am going to ask you for your opinion. There are no pictures.

**SAY**  Your local library has money to make one improvement. The library is deciding between purchasing some technology or creating an outside study area. Which one do you think would be a better option for your library?

Wait for initial choice.

**SAY** Justify your choice by giving relevant reasons to support your opinion.

 NEXT

### Prompting Guidelines: Support an Opinion

If the student does not answer or requests that a question be repeated, you may repeat the question once.

If the student states a choice but does not provide a reason, repeat the last part of the question once:

**“Justify your choice by giving relevant reasons to support your opinion.”**

If the student gives an original but relevant response to the question or selects neither or both options, say,

**“Justify your choice by giving relevant reasons to support your opinion.”**

If the student provides a simple relevant reason, say, **“Tell me more about your choice.”**



Score 0	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response is not relevant.</li> <li>• Response contains no English.</li> <li>• No response, “I don’t know,” or is completely unintelligible.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b> I don’t know.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response may include information in the graph/chart, but contains little relevant or accurate information. Significant listener effort may be required to interpret meaning.</li> <li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation often impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech may consist of isolated word(s) or phrase(s) related to the graph/chart.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b> The students travel by school and uhh, bus because . . . it’s because it has 40 percent of the bus than the other ones.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response includes a limited description of information or partially accurate information in the graph/chart. Listener effort may be required to interpret meaning.</li> <li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation occasionally impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech may be slow, choppy, or halting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b> Umm, lots of students, like, they go on their bikes. They go in their cars. Sometimes, my mom takes me to school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response answers the question, including a mostly clear and accurate description of information in the graph/chart. Little to no listener effort is required to interpret meaning.</li> <li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation do not impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech is fairly smooth and sustained.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anchor A:</b> Well since . . . 13 percent of the students ride their bike to school and eight percent of the students walk to school. 31 percent of the students drove here. And 48 percent of the students came here from the bus.</p> <p><b>Anchor B:</b> Kids go to school in bikes, cars, buses, or they walk to school.</p>



**SAY** Now we are going to do a different type of question.

**SAY** I am going to ask you to talk about a pie chart. Look at the pie chart.

**SAY** Students at a school were asked how they travel to school in the morning. The pie chart shows the percentages of different transportation methods used by the students. Take some time to read the pie chart to yourself. Let me know when you are ready for me to ask you a question.

Give students time to read the pie chart before reading the first question.

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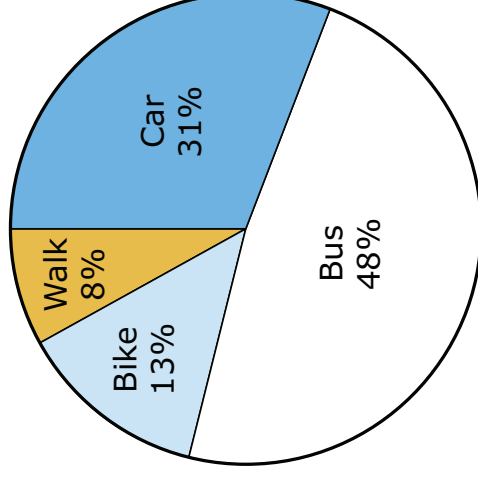
 Point to the text on the student's screen.

**SAY**  What does the pie chart show about how students travel to school?

**SAY** Include details from the pie chart in your answer.

 NEXT

### How Alvarez Middle School Students Travel to School



Students at a school were asked how they travel to school in the morning. The pie chart shows the percentages of different transportation methods used by the students.

#### Prompting Guidelines: Present and Discuss Information

If the student does not answer or requests that a question be repeated, you may repeat the question once.

If the student gives a response that is limited or contains little relevant information, say, “Tell me more details from the chart/graph.”

When scoring, you should consider the responses given by the student as a whole, regardless of reprompting.



<b>Score 0</b>	<b>Score 1</b>	<b>Score 2</b>	<b>Score 3</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response is not relevant.</li><li>• Response contains no English.</li><li>• No response, “I don’t know,” or is completely unintelligible.</li></ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b> I don’t know.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response may include information from the graph/chart but does not demonstrate whether the claim is supported or unsupported or may lack understanding of the graph/chart or claim. Significant listener effort may be required to interpret meaning.</li><li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation often impede meaning.</li><li>• Speech may consist of isolated word(s) or phrase(s) related to the graph/chart or claim.</li></ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b> More people ride the bus than cars.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response includes limited or partially accurate information from the graph/chart that demonstrates whether the claim is supported or unsupported, and the response may lack detail and clarity. Listener effort may be required to interpret meaning.</li><li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation occasionally impede meaning.</li><li>• Speech may be slow, choppy, or halting.</li></ul> <p><b>Anchor:</b> No, they bike more than walking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response uses relevant information and accurate details from the graph/chart to demonstrate whether the claim is supported or unsupported. Little to no listener effort is required to interpret meaning.</li><li>• Errors in grammar, word choice, pronunciation, or intonation do not impede meaning.</li><li>• Speech is fairly smooth and sustained.</li></ul> <p><b>Anchor A:</b> Well, that’s that’s incorrect because the people ride more bikes than walking. Because it’s at a 13 percent, and walking is at an eight percent.</p> <p><b>Anchor B:</b> Umm, the bike, they use the bike more because it has 13 percent, and walking has eight percent.</p>

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 Point to the text on the student's screen.

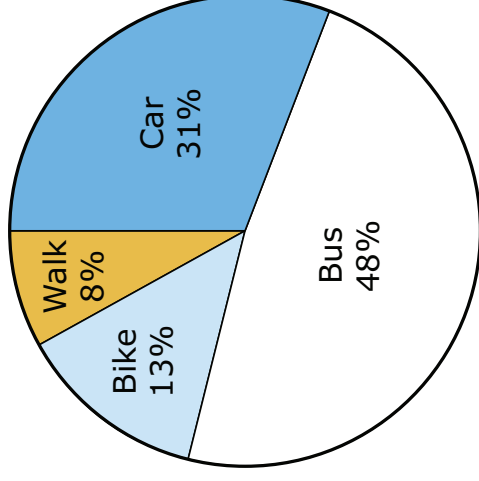
**SAY**  Look at the pie chart again. Is the following claim supported or not supported based on the information in the pie chart?

**Claim:** More students walk to school than ride a bike.

**SAY** Give details from the pie chart to support your answer.

 NEXT

**How Alvarez Middle School Students Travel to School**



**Prompting Guidelines: Present and Discuss Information**

If the student does not answer or requests that a question be repeated, you may repeat the question once.

If the student gives a response that is limited or contains little relevant information, say,

**“Is the claim supported or not supported based on the information in the chart/graph?”**

When scoring, you should consider the responses given by the student as a whole, regardless of reprompting.



**Main Points**

A full response includes all of the following steps in the demonstration and at least one detail for each step.

Steps in the demonstration:

- There is liquid (water) in one of the containers (glasses/cups/bottles).  
Details: Two (glass) containers are connected by a (glass) tube/both containers (glasses/cups/bottles) are on a hot plate (plate/stove)/the other container has no liquid (water).
- Then heat is applied to the liquid (water), it changes to a gas (evaporation/evaporates).  
Details: The hot plate is turned on/it gets hot/the liquid (water) turns into gas/the gas moves through the tube into the other container/the liquid (water) evaporates.
- The gas cools down, it changes into a liquid (condensation/condenses).  
Details: The heat is turned off/the gas cools down/and gas changes to a liquid (water)/there is the same (equal) amount of liquid (water) in each container (glass/cup).

**SAY** In this part of the test, you will listen to a recorded presentation.

**SAY** You are going to listen to some information about evaporation and condensation. You will hear the information only once. As you listen, look at the pictures that are on your screen. You may take notes on your scratch paper as you listen.

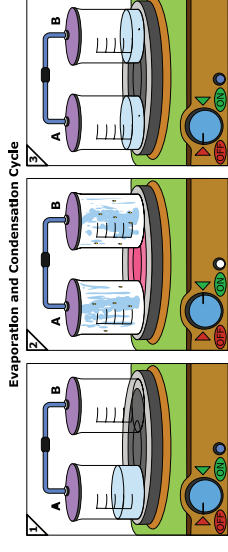


When the presentation ends, you will summarize the information you heard. You will

- explain evaporation and condensation,
- include all the steps in the demonstration, and
- use relevant details and clear language.

**i** Play the audio presentation. As the recording plays, point to the relevant picture that is on the student’s screen. After you have started the recording, do not pause or stop the recording. The audio recording cannot be replayed. If a valid disruption occurs (e.g., intercom announcements, fire drills, student health issues, audio malfunctions), please read the recorded audio script to complete the test administration and file an ELPAC STAIRS report.


**i** If using headphones, put headphones on now.




**Recorded Audio Script**




Look at step one. It shows two glass containers connected by a glass tube. There is some liquid in one of the containers. The other container has no liquid. Both containers are sitting on a hot plate.

 Look at step two. When the hot plate is turned on, the liquid in the first container becomes very hot. The liquid evaporates and turns into a steam or a gas. As you may know, evaporation is the process of a liquid changing into a gas. Then, the gas moves through the tube to the second container. As you can see in the picture, after a few minutes there is an equal amount of gas in both containers.

 Look at step three. When the hot plate is turned off, the gas in the containers slowly cools down. As it cools, condensation begins. Condensation is the opposite of evaporation. Condensation is when gas changes back into a liquid. After a short period of time, all of the steam—that is, the gas—becomes liquid again. As you can see in the picture, there is now an equal amount of liquid in each container. That is because when the liquid was heated, the gas was divided equally between the two containers. This demonstration shows how evaporation and condensation make it possible for water to move from place to place. This process is an important part of the water cycle.

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 **SAY** Summarize the information you heard. Be sure to

- explain evaporation and condensation,
- include all the steps in the demonstration, and
- use relevant details and clear language.

 **i** Pause to let the student summarize the presentation. While the student is responding, use the main points and the rubric to score the response. After the student responds,

**SAY** This is the end of the Speaking test. Thank you for your attention and hard work.

 **i** DIRECTIONS ON ENDING A TEST

- Select the **[End Test]** button to continue to the review screen.
- Do not rerecord responses if you see a red triangle in the review box. Select the **[Submit Test]** button.
- Remember to enter student scores in DEI and securely destroy answer sheets and scratch paper.

### Prompting Guidelines: Summarize an Academic Presentation

If the student does not answer or requests that the question be repeated, repeat the question and bulleted points once.

If the student points to the picture, or points while saying words such as *this/that/these/those*, or starts to write a response, say, **“Please tell me your summary.”**

If the student is struggling to remember a word, you may say, **“It’s OK, do your best.”** Do not say the word to the student.

If the response includes one or some of the main points and/or partial details, say, **“What else can you tell me about what you heard?”** Reprompt only once.

**Main Points**

A full response includes all of the following steps in the demonstration and at least one detail for each step.

Steps in the demonstration:

- There is liquid (water) in one of the containers (glasses/cups/bottles).

Details: Two (glass) containers are connected by a (glass) tube/both containers (glasses/cups/bottles) are on a hot plate (plate/stove)/the other container has no liquid (water).

- Then heat is applied to the liquid (water), it changes to a gas (evaporation/evaporates).

Details: The hot plate is turned on/it gets hot/the liquid (water) turns into gas/the gas moves through the tube into the other container/the liquid (water) evaporates.

- The gas cools down, it changes into a liquid (condensation/condenses).

Details: The heat is turned off/the gas cools down/and gas changes to a liquid (water)/there is the same (equal) amount of liquid (water) in each container (glass/cup).

Score 0	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response is not relevant.</li> <li>• Response contains no English.</li> <li>• No response, "I don't know," or is completely unintelligible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response includes an attempt to reference the presentation/picture but conveys little relevant information.</li> <li>• Ideas are rarely cohesive and connected.</li> <li>• Grammar and word choice are limited and impede meaning.</li> <li>• Pronunciation and/or intonation often impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech may consist of isolated word(s) or phrase(s) related to the picture.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response includes a partial summary of at least one of the main points of the presentation and may lack an understanding of the main points.</li> <li>• Ideas are sometimes cohesive and connected.</li> <li>• Grammar and word choice are simple and repetitive; errors often impede meaning.</li> <li>• Pronunciation and/or intonation often impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech may be slow, choppy, or halting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response includes a mostly clear summary of some of the main points of the presentation with partial/basic details.</li> <li>• Ideas are usually cohesive and connected.</li> <li>• Grammar and word choice are adequate; errors occasionally impede meaning.</li> <li>• Pronunciation and/or intonation occasionally impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech is fairly sustained, though some choppiness or halting may occur.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full response includes a clear summary of the main points and details of the presentation.</li> <li>• Ideas are cohesive and connected.</li> <li>• Grammar and word choice are varied and effective; errors do not impede meaning.</li> <li>• Pronunciation and intonation do not impede meaning.</li> <li>• Speech is usually smooth and sustained.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Anchor:</b> I don't know.</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b> This is on and it is off. [Examiner: What else can you tell me about what you heard?] (No response.)</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b> So on this picture it shows that it has more than the other one that doesn't have anything. And when they turn it on, the evaporation goes to the other cup. And then when they turn it off after awhile, it both has equal . . . equal, umm, water.</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b> Evaporation and condensation has a very difference between each other because if you put one water in one pot and the other one doesn't have water and if you turn on the hot plate, one of them become . . . they can become into gas and one of them can get foggy and smoky. And when you . . . when you turn off the hot plate, it will turn back to normal. But condensation is the opposite of evaporation because condensation doesn't have gas when you turn on the hot plate.</p>	<p><b>Anchor:</b> In picture number one, container "A" has about two . . . two cups of water. And when it is heated, umm, it evaporates and creates a gas or a steam, and it goes to the other container in an equal amount. And then it . . . and then it condensates into both containers "A" and "B" and creates an equal amount of water.</p>

**Notes:**

- Minor factual inaccuracies or omissions are acceptable as long as the student expresses a clear summary of the presentation.
- Do not penalize for mispronunciation of any word that does not interfere with meaning.

**SPEAKING Training Test—Grades 9–10***Talk About a Scene*

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