



Activity: Computer-Based Testing Practice

Task 1: Practice Makes Perfect

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Learning Goals

Big Idea

Practicing for the Test

Why is it important to prepare or practice for a computer-based test? How is computer-based test different from a paper and pencil test? How is a computer-based test the same? Can you think of other tests that you have taken using a computer or device?

Computer-based testing allows students to take a test on the computer or another device. Computerized tests require additional technical skills and the ability to type text quickly to answer the questions. So, not only do you need to know how to answer the questions, but you also need to know how to use a keyboard, mouse, or trackpad to input your answer.

In this activity, you will practice using the computer-based testing system that will be used to take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) assessment in the Spring. You will also practice keyboarding to make sure you are comfortable with the system and your typing skills before you take the test.

Targeted Knowledge and Skills

Take a minute to preview the knowledge and skills you will need to complete this task. Choose the column that best describes what you know and can do right now. Don't worry if you aren't sure about any of the knowledge and skills that will be used in this task. You will learn more as you work through the task.

	Not sure?	Got it!
I Know:		
The importance of practicing for a computer-based test.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
That taking a computer-based test may have the same questions as a paper test, but the computerized tools are different.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
That it is important to know how to type quickly to input my answers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I Can:	Not sure	Can do with help	Can do by myself
Use the Basic Tools in IAR to test online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use the Advanced Tools in IAR to test online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use the Testing Tools in IAR to test online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use the Navigation Tools in IAR to test online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use the keyboard to type my answer quickly into IAR to give a written answer to a question.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ask your teacher if you have any questions about how to get help as you work through the task.

Vocabulary

Computer-based test: A test or assessment that is taken on a computer or other device.

Device: Computer, iPad, Chromebook, Android, Tablet

Hover/Click: Put the mouse over the tool and Click the Left Mouse button to see what is there.

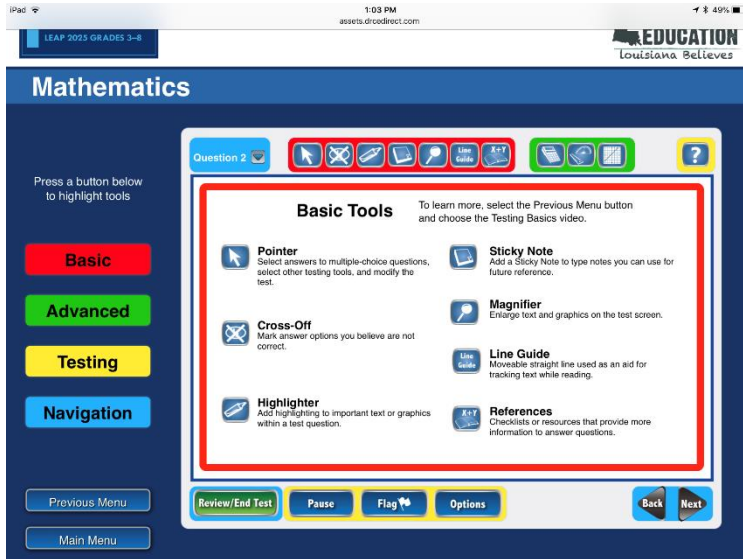
Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR): The assessment used by the State of Illinois.

Interactive: A program that responds to user activity.

Text: Words

Tools: Buttons in the computer-based test that help you take the test.

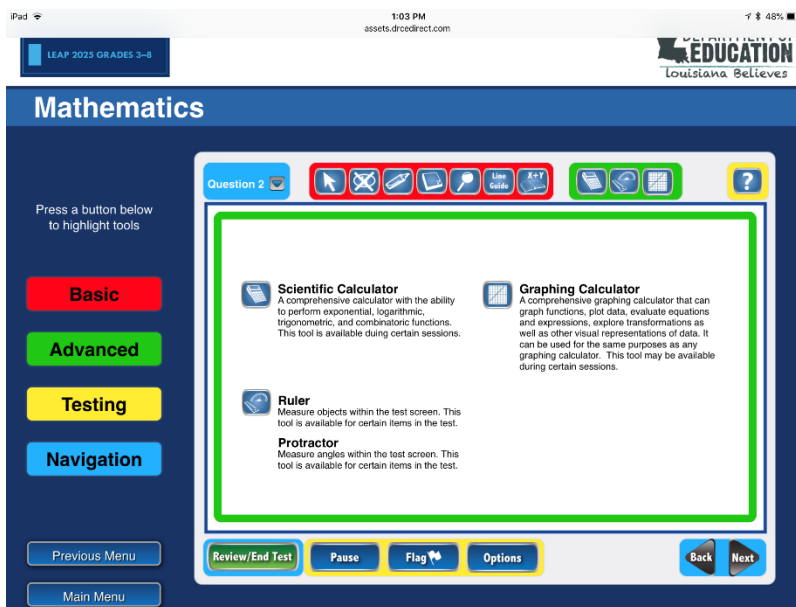
Basic Tools: Tools to use to take the test. (Pointer, Cross-Off, Highlighter, Sticky Note, Magnifier, Line Guide, References).



Vocabulary

POINTER
CROSS-OFF
HIGHLIGHTER
STICKY NOTE
MAGNIFIER
LINE GUIDE
REFERENCES

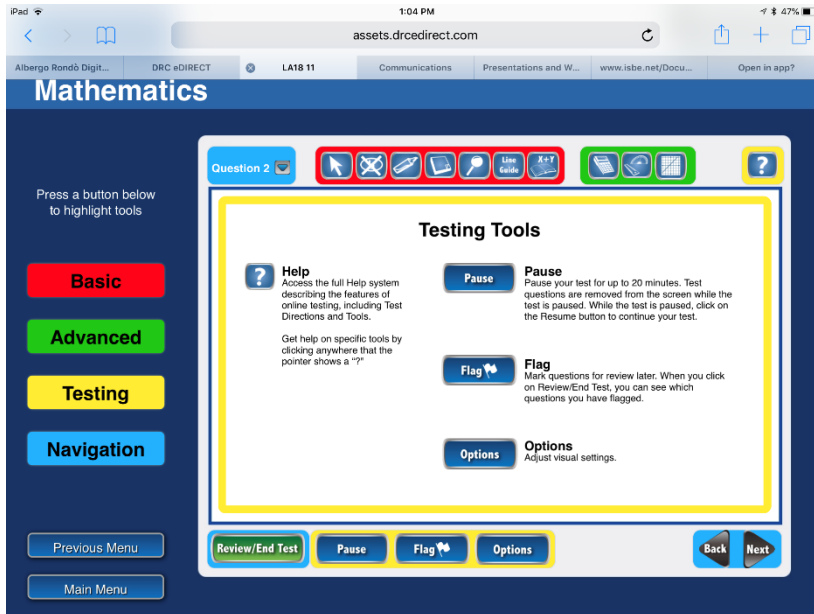
Advanced Tools (Math Only): Tools for Advanced functions (Scientific Calculator, Ruler, Protractor, Graphing Calculator).



VOCABULARY

SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR
RULER
PROTRACTOR
GRAPHING CALCULATOR

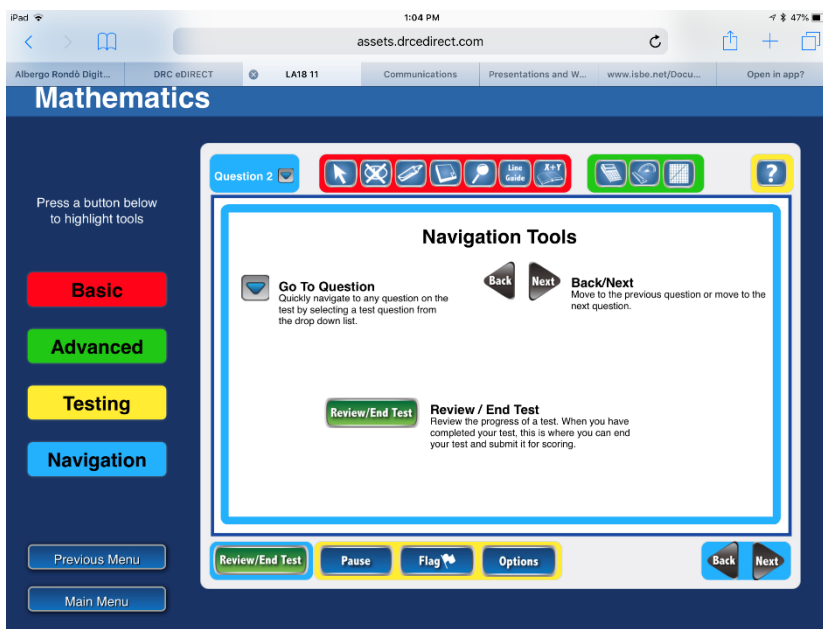
Testing Tools: Tools used within the Test (Help, Pause, Flag, Options).



VOCABULARY

HELP
PAUSE
FLAG
OPTIONS

Navigation Tools: Tools to navigate in the Test (Go To Question, Back/Next, Review/End Test).



VOCABULARY

GO TO QUESTION
BACK/NEXT
REVIEW/END TEST

Exploration

Let's practice using the testing tools.

Guiding Questions

As you are practicing using the Tools for testing think about:

- 1) How would you use the tool when you are testing?
- 2) How could this tool help you take the test?

Web Sites

- Testing Tools Practice Video Tutorials:
<http://assets.IARedirect.com/States/LA/Tutorials/Student/201802-html5/index.html>
 - Practice taking a Real Test
<https://wbte.drctdirect.com/LA/portals/la/ott1?index=1&adminId=510820>
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Additional Information - Keyboarding

The sites listed above allow you to practice taking the computerized test.

Practice using the testing tools to help you to be prepared to use the computer to take the test so that the computer tools are easy for you to use.

Keep in mind:

That it is important to practice keyboarding to enter your answers quickly on the computer.

- Click on <https://www.typing.com/> to practice Keyboarding and take timed typing tests.
- Click on Nitro Type <https://www.nitrotype.com/> or Dance Mat Typing <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr> to practice keyboarding skills.

Learning Experiences

Action Plan – Practice Using Testing Tools and Keyboarding

Apply what you have learned and continue to practice whenever you have an opportunity. **Remember, practice makes perfect!**

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Testing Practice Questions

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Keyboarding Practice Sites

Use the websites below to practice keyboarding skills.

Typing.com <https://www.typing.com/>, or play Dance Mat Typing <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr> and/or Nitro Type <https://www.nitrotype.com/> to practice Keyboarding skills.

Checklist of Knowledge and Skills

Remember the targeted knowledge and skills listed at the beginning of this task? Check to make sure that you know and can do these things by yourself.

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If you feel unsure or still need help, you may want to go back to the help section, review the Web sites you explored, or ask your teacher for assistance.