

Winter 2023-2024 Grade 3 Reading Growth Assessment

In the 2023-2024 school year, students in Virginia public schools will take growth assessments in Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics. Legislation passed in the 2021 Virginia General Assembly ([HB2027](#) and [SB1357](#)) requires these assessments be administered to students once in the fall and once in the winter (mid-year). In addition to the growth assessments, the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics will continue to be administered. Test items at, below, and above a student's grade level may be delivered online via the computer adaptive algorithm as appropriate for the student. **Please note that the winter 2023 computer adaptive test for Grade 3 Reading will begin with questions that assess [Grade 3 Reading SOL](#), and the overall test may include test questions that assess Grade 2, Grade 3, or Grade 4 Reading SOL.**

Test Blueprint Summary Table

Reporting Category	Grade 3 SOL Eligible to Appear in the Winter Growth Assessment	Number of Items Winter Growth Assessment Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) Format**	Number of Items Winter Growth Assessment Paper Format
Demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts and use word analysis strategies*	3.3b 3.4a-d, f-g 3.5c-j, l	11 (about 65% of the test)	14 (about 54% of the test)
Demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts and use word analysis strategies*	3.3b 3.4a-d, f-g 3.6a, c-h	6 (about 35% of the test)	12 (about 46% of the test)
Total Number of Operational Items on Test		17	26
Total Number of Passages on Test		3	4

**Using word analysis strategies and word reference materials will be tested with both fictional and nonfictional texts.*

***The online CAT includes multiple-choice questions and technology-enhanced items (TEI). The number of TEI on the CAT can range from 5% to 30% as the test meets the blueprint requirements and adapts to the performance level of the individual student.*

Technology-Enhanced Item Types

There are different types of technology-enhanced items. Some examples include:

- drag and drop,
- hot spot, and

- hot text.
- [Introduction to TestNav 8: Multiple-Choice/Technology-Enhanced Item Tests](#) provides a brief description of the different types of TEI, including what is needed for a TEI to be considered "answered."