

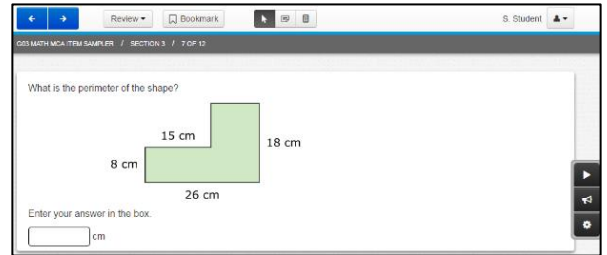
Student Resources Overview

Several student resources are available in PearsonAccess Next to help students prepare for the test.

Item Samplers

Online item samplers are provided to help students and teachers become familiar with the test, including how to move through the test, use tools like text-to-speech, become familiar with the language used in instructions for answering items, review representative passages for reading, and practice answering different types of items.

Example: online item sampler

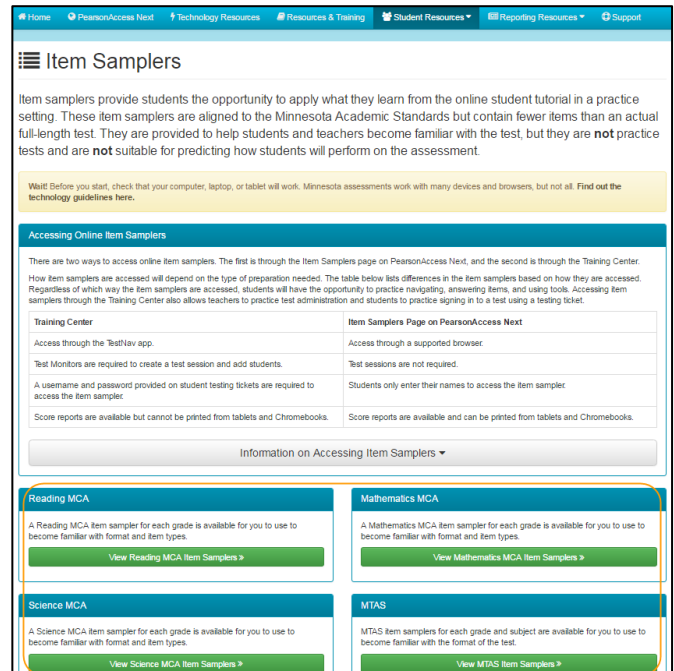


These item samplers are aligned to the Minnesota Academic Standards but contain fewer items than an actual full-length test. Corresponding Teacher Guides are available for all grades and subjects of the MCA. These guides include the correct answers, as well as the rationales for the answers, the benchmarks the sample items align to, and information on the cognitive levels of the sample items.

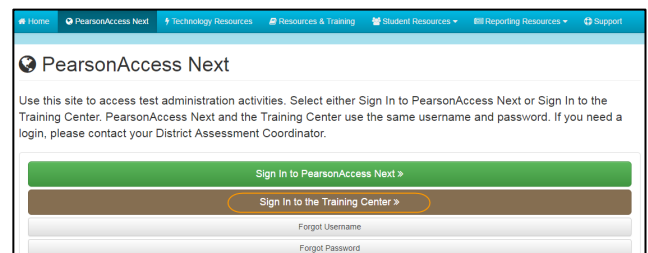
The student responses are scored once an online item sampler is completed; however, item samplers are **not** suitable for predicting how students will perform on the assessment because they are not created using the test specifications like the actual tests.

There are two ways to access online item samplers.

- From the Item Samplers page in PearsonAccess Next without signing in.



- From the Training Center, by signing in to the Training Center and administering the item sampler in conjunction with a practice test session.



Accommodated item samplers are available for all grades of the MCA to help students become familiar with the format of accommodated test materials as well as item types. Large print (18 and 24 point) item samplers for all subjects and mathematics and science scripts are available on PearsonAccess Next. Braille item samplers are available to order.

Example: large print item sampler

1. Which sentence best describes Madan at the beginning of the story?

A. He is shy and works quietly.
B. He is proud and seeks greatness.
C. He is sad and tries to learn more.
D. He is kind and generous to others.

2. Read the following dictionary definitions.

spread

1. to open over a larger area (spread out a map)

2. to stretch out; extend (spread my arms wide)

3. to cover something (spread a cloth on the table)

4. to pass from person to person (the news spread rapidly)

Which meaning best fits the way **spread** is used in paragraph 2 of the story?

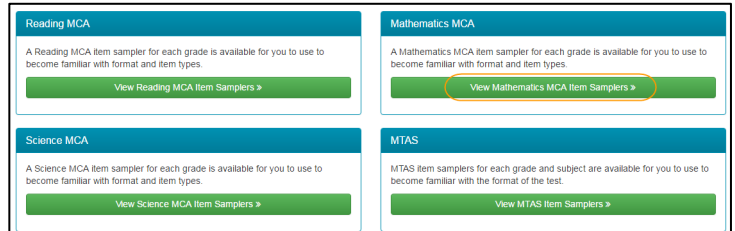
A. Meaning 1
B. Meaning 2
C. Meaning 3
D. Meaning 4

For MTAS, sample versions of the Task Administration Manual task scripts, Presentation Pages, and Response Option Cards are available.

For more information on the item samplers, [view the Item Samplers page on PearsonAccess Next](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Student Resources > Item Samplers).

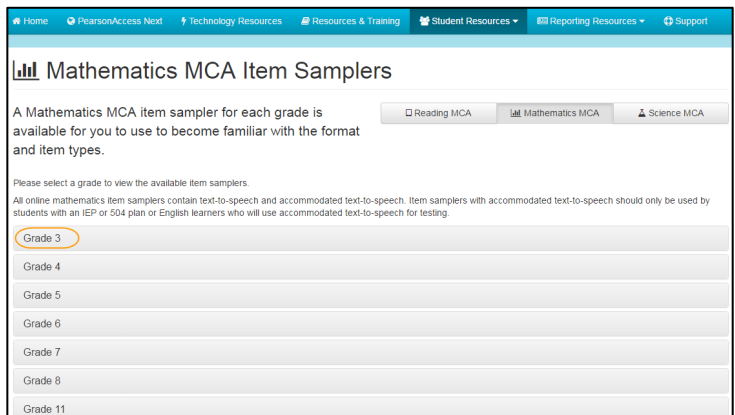
- To access the item samplers and Teacher Guides:

- Select a test (e.g. Mathematics MCA).



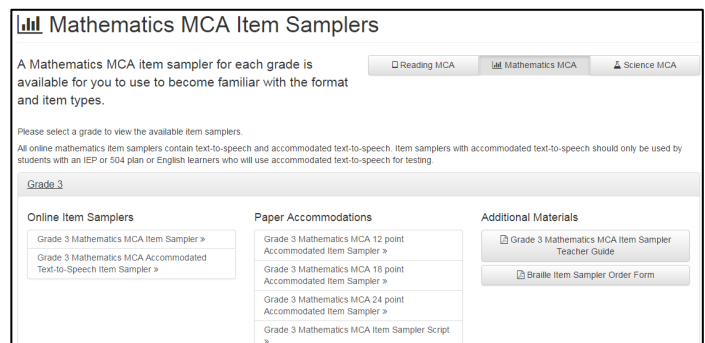
The screenshot shows a grid of four buttons: 'View Reading MCA Item Samplers', 'View Mathematics MCA Item Samplers' (circled in red), 'View Science MCA Item Samplers', and 'View MTAS Item Samplers'.

- Select a grade (e.g. Grade 3).



The screenshot shows the 'Mathematics MCA Item Samplers' page. Under the 'Please select a grade to view the available item samplers.' section, 'Grade 3' is circled in red. Below it are links for Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8, and Grade 11.

- All available resources will display including the online item sampler, accommodated item samplers, and item sampler teacher guides.

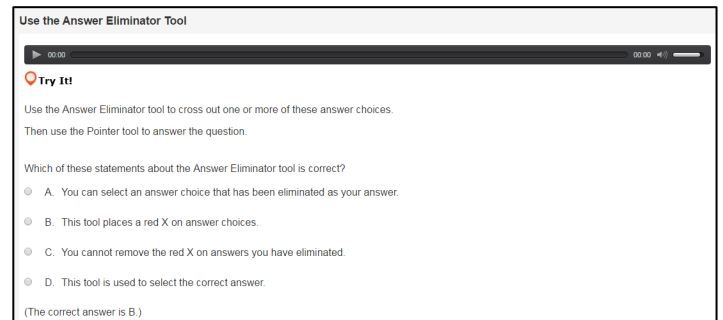
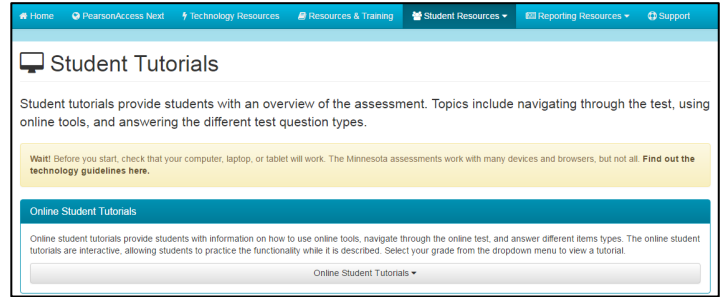


The screenshot shows the 'Mathematics MCA Item Samplers' page for Grade 3. It is divided into three columns: 'Online Item Samplers', 'Paper Accommodations', and 'Additional Materials'. The 'Online Item Samplers' column includes links for 'Grade 3 Mathematics MCA Item Sampler', 'Grade 3 Mathematics MCA Accommodated Text-to-Speech Item Sampler', and 'Grade 3 Mathematics MCA Accommodated Item Sampler'. The 'Paper Accommodations' column includes links for 'Grade 3 Mathematics MCA 12 point Accommodated Item Sampler', 'Grade 3 Mathematics MCA 18 point Accommodated Item Sampler', 'Grade 3 Mathematics MCA 24 point Accommodated Item Sampler', and 'Grade 3 Mathematics MCA Item Sampler Script'. The 'Additional Materials' column includes links for 'Grade 3 Mathematics MCA Item Sampler Teacher Guide' and 'Braille Item Sampler Order Form'.

Online Student Tutorials

The online student tutorials include a narrated overview of how to use the online tools (e.g., highlighter, answer eliminator), navigate through the online test, and answer different item types. They are also interactive, allowing students to practice the functionality while it is described. The online student tutorial is intended to be shown to students prior to test day to familiarize them with the test(s) they will be taking.

- To access the student tutorials, [view the Student Tutorials page on PearsonAccess Next](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Student Resources > Student Tutorials).
- Example: sample activity in the student tutorial



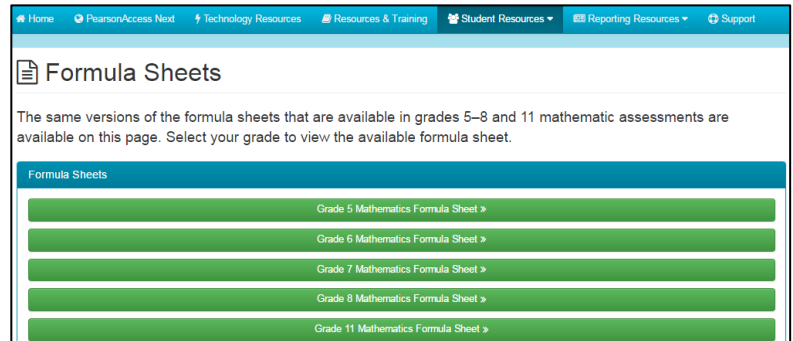
For more information on the tools available in the online tests, [view the User Guides section on the Resources & Training page on PearsonAccess Next](#). (PearsonAccess Next > Student Resources > Resources & Trainings).

Formula Sheets

Formula sheets are provided in the online grades 5–8 and 11 mathematics assessments. Formula sheets are also included in paper accommodated mathematics test books. The same versions of the formula sheets are available on PearsonAccess Next for students to view prior to testing.

If you decide to provide hard-copy formula sheets to students, the versions posted to PearsonAccess Next must be used; district-created versions are not allowed. If these hard-copy formula sheets are provided and written on by students, they must be collected and kept secure between test sessions and securely disposed of following testing.

- To access the formula sheets, [view the Formula Sheets page on PearsonAccess Next](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Student Resources > Formula Sheets).



- Example: grade 5 formula sheet

Grade 5 Formula Sheet	
You may use the following formulas to solve problems on this test.	
Formulas	Variables
$A = b \times h$	$A = \text{area}$
$A = \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h$	$b = \text{base}$
	$h = \text{height}$

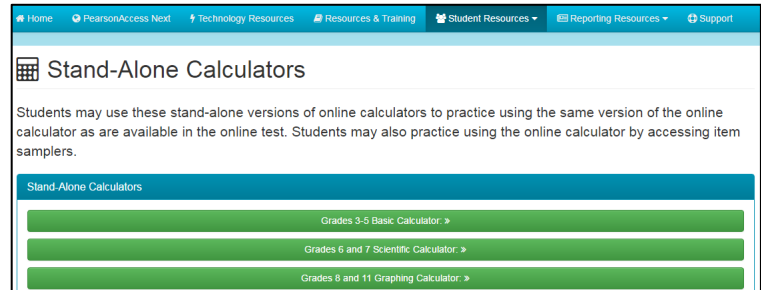
Online Calculators

Stand-alone versions of the online calculators that are available in the online tests are available for student practice. Students may also practice using the online calculator by accessing item samplers.

- To access the stand-alone calculators, [view the Stand-Alone Calculators page on PearsonAccess Next](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Student Resources > Stand-Alone Calculators).

- Example: basic online calculator

NOTE: The calculator in the picture may not look the same as the calculator students will see in the test, specifically on touchscreen devices. Students testing on touchscreen devices will see a calculator with a slightly different shape and larger buttons, but the buttons and functions will be the same.



Student Exiting Instructions

How students exit their online test will depend on the test and subject. Schools may provide hard copies of these exiting instructions to students to keep by their computer or device to remind them how to exit. Scripted versions of these instructions are also included in the *Test Monitor Directions* for a student's Test Monitors to provide during testing.

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- To access the student exiting instructions, [view the Student Exiting Instructions page on PearsonAccess Next](#) (PearsonAccess Next > Student Resources > Student Exiting Instructions).
- Example: Mathematics MCA student exiting instructions

