ETS ReadAuthentix™ Assessments

Scenario-based Assessments of Reading Comprehension

Reading comprehension is essential for students to succeed both in and out of school. Foundational reading skills, like vocabulary, morphology and word recognition and decoding, are essential building blocks for proficient reading comprehension. Students who have well-developed and well-integrated foundational skills are ready to take on texts and reading tasks of increasing complexity.

To build comprehension skills, students read poems, stories, novels, textbooks, primary documents, secondary documents and other kinds of academic writing as well as digital resources like web pages, posts, texts and email. Teachers ask students to interact with these texts in a meaningful way — perhaps to prepare for a classroom debate about a historical topic, create a science fair project or write a persuasive essay about an important local issue. Reading has a purpose, an end goal that students can grasp and use as a guide, and the purpose doesn't happen in a vacuum. It occurs in a classroom with other students, where dialogue and interaction help shape the outcome.

Now, consider a typical reading comprehension assessment. Students, alone in their own heads, are given texts and asked a series of questions about them. Then, they are given rounds of more texts and more questions until the end of the test — a format that doesn't resemble their classroom learning. From the student's perspective, the purpose is to … well … finish the test?

A New, Effective Approach to Assessing Reading Comprehension

ReadAuthentix™ scenario-based reading comprehension assessments are different. From the beginning of each assessment, students are given a purpose for reading and completing the tasks, just as they are in class, and they work through the assessment with simulated teachers and peers. The tasks are sequenced in a meaningful way and model the kinds of instructional activities that help students learn. For example, students might be asked to paraphrase a portion of a text, which helps them to comprehend the text more fully. ReadAuthentix's readings and tasks are designed to engage students so they can give their best performance — and perhaps even learn something new at the same time.

Features:

- Multiple forms that range from 3rd grade to 12th grade
- Multiple scenarios and topics to keep students engaged
- All forms are on a vertical scale
- Background knowledge section to begin each assessment — enables teachers to interpret students' comprehension based on their prior knowledge

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