



**2026 Test Proctor Braille Scripts for
Paper-Based Testing**

English Language Arts/Literacy

Tasks for Test Proctors to Complete BEFORE Braille Testing

- Directions for filling in a circle, making marks, and erasing do not apply. The student will write answers using a braille writing device (e.g., braillewriter, braille note-taker, slate and stylus) or other method identified in his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP). These will be referred to as answer sheets in the scripts. The student should number his or her responses to be sure that his or her answers can be transcribed accurately onto an answer document.
- For constructed-response items in mathematics, remind the student to label each part of his or her work if a question has multiple parts and clearly identify his or her answer for each part, as necessary.
- The words “Go On” are omitted at the bottom of the page. The word “STOP” is retained at the bottom of the page.
- Page numbers that match the print copy are in the top right corner in the braille test booklet.
- Braille test booklets may be disassembled for testing, but must be reassembled for return. To reassemble the test booklets, you may staple or binder clip all pages for return to Pearson. It is critical that schools check the number of pages in the test booklet prior to disassembling the test booklets to help ensure that all pages are returned. Failure to return all pages will be considered a breach of security.
- During the test, a student taking the test electronically may emboss a copy of his/her answers to review. A final copy of the student’s responses must then be printed for transcription purposes. Both the embossed and final copies of the student’s work must be returned to the School Test Coordinator after testing.

Before students arrive for each section, do the following:

- Ensure that the testing room is prepared.
- Verify you have the schedule of times for the day’s test sections.
- Make sure you have the correct test booklets for your group to be tested.
- Write the student’s name on the top of the test booklet.
- Verify you have the correct tactile graphics for mathematics and/or picture descriptions for English language arts/literacy.
- If applicable, make sure that recreational books and other allowable materials for after testing are out of reach of the students during testing.

Reminders for Test Proctors DURING Braille Testing

When announcing the amount of time students will have to complete each section, be sure to adjust the amount of time available to all students who have approved extended time accommodations.

During testing, you must focus your full attention on the students at all times to confirm that they are working independently. Ensure that all student desks are free of any prohibited materials, and that all prohibited aids in the classroom have been removed or covered.

If a student starts a test section and leaves school without finishing (e.g., due to illness, family emergency), he or she may be allowed to complete that test on a different day. If you have concerns about a student completing a section, you should not allow the student to begin. If a student leaves during a section, contact the School Test Coordinator.

If you have questions regarding policy, security breaches, or irregularities, consult your School Test Coordinator.

Read only the bold instructions in each **SAY** box to students. Text that is outside the **SAY** boxes includes directions for Test Proctors to follow and should not be read to students. Test Proctors are permitted to clarify **only** scripted administration instructions after reading the script word-for-word. No passages or test items may be clarified.

In-between test sections, have students place a bookmark in their test booklet to help them identify their place in the exam when they return to the next section.

Reminders for Test Proctors AFTER Braille Testing

- If the student recorded his or her answers electronically, Test Proctors should print out a copy of the student's answer sheet or ink print the student's answers in braille.
- If the student recorded his or her answers using a computer or braille note-taker, be sure to delete the student's answer sheet file completely from the devices after the student has printed.
- If the student used any electronic scratch paper or made any electronic notes, ensure that these files are deleted.
- Braille test booklets may be disassembled for testing, but must be reassembled for return. To reassemble the test booklets, you may staple or binder clip all pages for return to Pearson. It is critical that schools check the number of pages in the test booklet prior to disassembling the test booklets to help ensure that all pages are returned. Failure to return all pages will be considered a breach of security.

Script for Administering Grade 3 English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) – All Sections

On the first read through, Test Proctors are required to adhere to the scripts provided in this manual for administering the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. Read word-for-word the bold instructions in each SAY box to students. You may not modify or paraphrase the wording in the SAY boxes. Some of the SAY boxes are outlined with a dashed line and should ONLY be read aloud if they are applicable to your students. Some directions may differ slightly by section and are noted within the administration script.

Section	Section Testing Time	Required Materials	Start Time	Stop Time
Section 1	Grades 3: 75 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test booklets • Pencils • Scratch paper 		
End of Section 1 – Students Stop				
Section 2	Grades 3: 75 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test booklets • Pencils • Scratch paper 		
End of Section 2 – Students Stop				


Instructions for Preparing to Test

Say	<p>Today, you are going to take the English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment.</p> <p>You may not have any unapproved electronic devices at your desk. Making calls, texting, and taking pictures are not allowed. If you have any electronic devices, including cell phones, with you right now, please turn them off and raise your hand. If you are found to have unapproved electronic devices during testing, your test might not be scored.</p>
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If a student raises his or her hand, collect the electronic device (or follow your school/district policy) and store it until the section is complete. Certain electronic devices may be allowed for accommodations purposes only during testing. Please contact your Test Coordinator if you have questions regarding electronic devices.


Say	<p>Please sit quietly while I distribute the test materials.</p>
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Distribute scratch paper, braille writing device (e.g., braillewriter, braille note-taker, slate and stylus), and approved accessibility features/accommodations tools, if needed, for certain students. Then, distribute test booklets. Note: Some students may require the use of a signature guide to write their name on the test booklets. In these cases, have signature guides available.

 Say	<p>If Section 1: Sign your name at the top of your test booklet. If you need assistance with signing your name, raise your hand.</p> <p>(Pause.)</p> <p>Write your name at the beginning of your answer sheet.</p> <p>If Section 2: Confirm with the Test Proctor that you have the test booklet with your name on it.</p>
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Make sure each student has written his or her name on all materials.


Instructions for Administering each Section of Braille Grade 3 English Language Arts/Literacy

 Say	<p>Open your test booklet and follow along while I read the directions. Do NOT turn the page until I tell you to do so.</p> <p>Today, you will be taking Section __ (fill in appropriate section number) of the Grade 3 English Language Arts/Literacy Test.</p> <p>Read each passage and question. Then, follow the directions to answer each question. To change an answer when using a braillewriter or slate and stylus, full cell over the answer to cross it out. To change an answer when using a Braille note-taker, delete the answer that was inserted by backspacing and replacing it with your new answer.</p> <p>The final prompt in the section will require you to write a response. You are encouraged to spend the rest of your remaining time writing and revising your response in the space provided in your test booklet. Be sure to address each part of the prompt and keep your multiple-paragraph response within the provided space. Only responses written within the provided space will be scored. Written responses are worth about half of your overall ELA score.</p> <p>If you do not know the answer to a question, you may go on to the next question. If you finish early, you may review your answers and any questions you did not answer in this section ONLY. Do not go past the word STOP.</p>
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 Say	<p>This is the end of the directions in your test booklet.</p> <p>When you reach the word STOP in your test booklet, do NOT go on until directed to do so.</p> <p>If you finish early and have completely checked your work in this section, raise your hand and I will collect your test materials. Once I have collected your materials, you cannot get them back.</p>
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Read from OPTION A, B, or C below based on state or local policy.

 Say	OPTION A After I have collected your test materials, please sit quietly until the section has ended.
	OPTION B After I have collected your test materials, I will dismiss you.
	OPTION C After I have collected your test materials, you may read a book or other allowable materials until the section has ended.

 Say	Do you have any questions?
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Answer student questions.

If students are testing with extended time accommodations, you may need to adjust the amount of time students will have to complete this section. Refer to the student's accommodations.

 Say	<p>You will have...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1: 75 minutes • Section 2: 75 minutes <p>...to complete this section. I will let you know when you have 10 minutes of testing time left. (May not be appropriate for students with extended time).</p> <p>You may begin working now.</p>
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Actively proctor while students are testing:

- Redirect students as necessary.
- Collect test materials as students complete testing.
- If students have questions about an item, tell them, "Do the best you can."

During the test, periodically announce the amount of time remaining.

Ensure students do not move to other sections.

Instructions for Taking a Break During Testing

The following are permitted during test administration at the discretion of the Test Proctor:

- One stretch break of up to three minutes for the entire classroom during testing for each section. The stopping time should be adjusted by no more than three minutes if there is a stretch break.
- Individual restroom breaks during testing (do not adjust stop time).

The following security measures must be followed:

- Students must be supervised at all times during breaks.
- Test booklets and answer sheets must be closed or covered.
- Students are **not permitted to talk to each other**, during testing or breaks during testing.
- Students are not permitted to use electronic devices, play games, or engage in activities that may compromise the validity of the test.

If taking a three-minute stand and stretch break during the section:

Say Please stop testing, place your testing materials under your work station, and close your test booklet. We will take a silent three minute stretch break. No talking is allowed.

After taking a classroom break, ensure students open their test booklets and answer sheets and continue testing where they left off.

Say Open your test booklets and continue testing.

Instructions for When 10 Minutes of Section Time Remain

When 10 minutes of section time remain,

Say You have 10 minutes remaining.

Continue to actively proctor while students are testing.

Instructions for Ending the Section

When the section time is finished, read the following optional SAY box if there are students with secure test materials.

Say Stop working. Testing time has now ended. When using a braillewriter or slate and stylus, remove your answer sheet and place it in your test booklet as a bookmark at the end of the section. Close your test booklet.
I will collect your test materials.

- Collect all test materials.
- Return all test materials to your School Test Coordinator. Report any missing materials and absent students.
- Report any testing irregularities to your School Test Coordinator.

If you are administering more than one section in the same day, allow students to take a short break (e.g., restroom break, stretch break) or extended break (e.g., lunch). Once students have returned and are seated, read the script to move on to the next section.

Script for Administering Grades 4-8 English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) – All Sections

This administration script will be used for all sections for Grades 4-8 for the ELA/L Test. On the first read through, Test Proctors are required to adhere to the scripts provided in this manual for administering the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. Read word-for-word the bold instructions in each SAY box to students. You may not modify or paraphrase the wording in the SAY boxes. Some of the SAY boxes are outlined with a dashed line and should ONLY be read aloud if they are applicable to your students. Some directions may differ slightly by section and are noted within the administration script.

Section	Section Testing Time	Required Materials	Start Time	Stop Time
Section 1	All Grades: 90 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test booklets • Answer sheets • Pencils • Scratch paper 		
End of Section 1 – Students Stop				
Section 2	All Grades: 90 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test booklets • Answer sheets • Pencils • Scratch paper 		
End of Section 2 – Students Stop				


Instructions for Preparing to Test

Say	<p>Today, you are going to take the English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment.</p> <p>You may not have any unapproved electronic devices at your desk. Making calls, texting, and taking pictures are not allowed. If you have any electronic devices, including cell phones, with you right now, please turn them off and raise your hand. If you are found to have unapproved electronic devices during testing, your test might not be scored.</p>
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If a student raises his or her hand, collect the electronic device (or follow your school/district policy) and store it until the section is complete. Certain electronic devices may be allowed for accommodations purposes only during testing. Please contact your Test Coordinator if you have questions regarding electronic devices.


Say	<p>Please sit quietly while I distribute the test materials.</p>
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Distribute scratch paper, braille writing device (e.g., braillewriter, braille note-taker, slate and stylus), and approved accessibility features/accommodations tools, if needed, for certain students. Then, distribute test booklets. Note: Some students may require the use of a signature guide to write their name on the test booklets. In these cases, have signature guides available.

 Say	<p>If Section 1: Sign your name at the top of your test booklet. If you need assistance with signing your name, raise your hand.</p> <p>(Pause.)</p> <p>Write your name at the beginning of your answer sheet.</p> <p>If Section 2: Confirm with the Test Proctor that you have the test booklet with your name on it.</p>
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Make sure each student has written his or her name on all materials.

Instructions for Administering each Section of Braille Grades 4-8 English Language Arts/Literacy

 Say	<p>Open your test booklet and follow along while I read the directions. Do NOT turn the page until I tell you to do so.</p> <p>Today, you will be taking Section __ (fill in appropriate section number) of the Grade __ (fill in the appropriate grade) English Language Arts/Literacy Test.</p> <p>Read each passage and question. Then, follow the directions to answer each question. To change an answer when using a braillewriter or slate and stylus, full cell over the answer to cross it out. To change an answer when using a Braille note-taker, delete the answer that was inserted by backspacing and replacing it with your new answer.</p> <p>The final prompt in the section will require you to write a response. You are encouraged to spend the rest of your remaining time writing and revising your response in the space provided in your test booklet. Be sure to address each part of the prompt and keep your multiple-paragraph response within the provided space. Only responses written within the provided space will be scored. Written responses are worth about half of your overall ELA score.</p> <p>If you do not know the answer to a question, you may go on to the next question. If you finish early, you may review your answers and any questions you did not answer in this section ONLY. Do not go past the word STOP.</p>
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Say	Do you have any questions?
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Answer student questions.

If students are testing with extended time accommodations, you may need to adjust the amount of time students will have to complete this section. Refer to the student's accommodations.

Say	<p>You will have...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Section 1: 90 minutes • Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Section 2: 90 minutes <p>...to complete this section. I will let you know when you have 10 minutes of testing time left. (May not be appropriate for students with extended time).</p> <p>You may begin working now.</p>
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Say Open your test booklets and continue testing.

Instructions for When 10 Minutes of Section Time Remain

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Instructions for Ending the Section

When the section time is finished, read the following optional SAY box if there are students with secure test materials.

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