

# Script for Administering Grades 4–10/Retake FSA ELA Reading Paper-Based Test Item Practice

This script should be used in conjunction with the *Directions for Completing Grades 4–10/Retake FSA ELA Reading Paper-Based Items* (available in the FSA Portal) to administer **required** test item practice sessions to students who are taking the Grades 4–10 or Retake FSA ELA Reading assessment with regular print or one-item-per-page paper-based accommodations.

The purpose of this test item practice session is to orient test administrators and students to the possible types of test items that **may** appear on paper-based FSA ELA Reading assessments. Please note that many actual ELA Reading items and some of the sample items that appear on this handout are used in conjunction with a reading passage. Students will use this handout to practice responding to the items types, not working the sample items, as the sample passages are not provided.

Students with a braille or large print accommodation are required to participate in a paper-based practice test using the appropriate practice materials, which must be ordered through TIDE by the district assessment coordinator.

Students should be encouraged to access the Directions handouts and/or regular print practice tests and answer keys on the portal and practice on their own.

## **Before the Test Item Practice Session**

1. Ensure that each student has a copy of the *Directions for Completing Grades 4–10/Retake FSA ELA Reading Paper-Based Items* handout to use during the session. This document is posted in the FSA Portal.
2. Ensure that each student has a No. 2 pencil to complete the practice items.
3. Display the website for the paper-based practice tests ([www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/](http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/)) where it will be visible to all students.

SAY	<p>Today, you are going to take a paper-based test item practice session for the Grade ___ FSA ELA Reading test. The purpose of this practice test is to familiarize you with the types of test items you <b>may</b> see on the actual ELA Reading test. We will review all item types you may see, but remember that some item types may not be on your actual test. Remember that the example items we will discuss do not show the content or difficulty level of the actual test.</p> <p>Now look at your <i>Directions for Completing Grades 4–10/Retake FSA ELA Reading Paper-Based Items</i> handout. We will walk through each item type together, and you may ask questions as we go. Are there any questions before we begin?</p>
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Answer any questions. Then,

**SAY** The first example item type we will review is a **multiple-choice** item. Please look at item number one on your handout. For multiple-choice items, you are asked to select **one** answer from the list of answer options. Multiple-choice items may have three or more answer options. After you select your answer, fill in the circle beside that answer by making a solid mark that completely fills the circle. You may now practice by filling in **one** circle next to an answer choice on the multiple choice item on your handout.

*Pause while students respond to the item and answer any questions.*

The second example item type we will review is an **editing task** item. Please look at example item number two on your handout. For editing task items you will respond by choosing the correct word or phrase to fill in each blank in a passage. For each blank, fill in the circle **before** the correct word or phrase. If you write your answer in the blank but do not fill in the circle, your answer will not be scored. Also be sure to respond to each of the editing task items in the passage. There are two tasks in this example item. You may now practice responding to the editing task item on your handout.

*Pause while students respond to the item and answer any questions.*

The third example item type we will review is a **multiselect** item. Please look at item number three on your handout. For multiselect items, you are asked to choose all of the answers you think are correct from among the options provided. Be sure to read the item carefully to help you know if you need to select more than one answer choice. For instance, look at Example A on your handout. It says, “With which two sentences would the author agree.” For this item, be sure to fill in **two** circles. You may now practice by responding to Example A on your handout.

*Pause while students respond to the item and answer any questions.*

Now look at Example B. This item is similar to Example A but requires you to respond to the items within a paragraph. Remember to pay attention to the instructions so you are clear how many answers you should choose. You may now practice by working the Example B multiselect item.

*Pause while students respond to the item and answer any questions.*

We will now review item four, which is a **multi-part** item. This type of item will ask you to respond to two or more related questions. The parts of the item may be either **multiple-choice** or **multiselect**. You will need to read the item carefully to know how to respond to each question. You may now practice by responding to both parts of the two-part item.

Pause while students respond to the item and answer any questions.

SAY	<p>Now look at item five. This is not a test item, but it shows an icon and instructions that you will see in your test and answer book when you come to an audio passage or animation. The instructions tell you to raise your hand so that your test administrator can let you listen to an audio passage or watch/listen to an animation.</p> <p>Audio passages or animations may be associated with any of the test item types on your handout, including multiple-choice, multiselect, multi-part, and editing tasks items. You will respond to these items the same way whether they are associated with reading passages or audio passages/animations.</p>
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Answer any questions.

**NOTE: Prior to the operational assessment, ensure that you will be able to access audio content for the appropriate ELA Reading test during the operational assessment.**

SAY	<p>Now let's review your handout to verify that you have responded to the items correctly.</p> <p>Turn back to item one. This is a <b>multiple-choice item</b>, so you should have filled in <b>one</b> circle only. Raise your hand if you have any questions about this item type.</p> <p><i>Answer any questions.</i></p> <p>Now look at item two. For this <b>editing task item</b>, you should have filled in one circle after each blank in the passage. For this example, you should have filled two circles total, one from each set of answers. Remember, if you write your answer in the blank and <b>do not</b> fill in a circle, your answer will not be scored. Raise your hand if you have any questions about this item type.</p> <p><i>Answer any questions.</i></p> <p>Now look at item three. Because these are <b>multiselect items</b>, you should have filled in <u>more than one</u> circle.</p> <p>Example A asks, "With which two sentences would the author agree," so you should have filled in <b>two</b> circles for Example A.</p> <p>Example B asks you to "Fill in the circle <b>before</b> the <u>two</u> sentences," so you should have filled in <u>two</u> circles for Example B as well.</p> <p>Raise your hand if you have any questions about this item type.</p> <p><i>Answer any questions.</i></p>
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Now look at item four. Because this is a **multi-part item**, you should have read each part to know how to respond. Because Part A asked you to choose **more than one** correct answer, it is a **multiselect** item. The item asked you to choose **two** central ideas, so you should have filled in **two** circles.

Because Part B did not ask you to choose more than one correct answer, it is a **multiple choice** question. You should have filled in **one** circle.

Raise your hand if you have any questions about this item type.

*Answer any questions.*

You will not have access to this handout while you are taking the actual test, so it is important that you practice on your own to familiarize yourself with the test items you will see when you take the test.

You may also access a paper-based practice test and answer key for Grade \_\_ FSA ELA Reading on your own. These are available in the FSA Portal at the address I have displayed for you. The practice tests contain sample items, including the associated reading passages, and response formats that you may see on a paper-based test.