

**Office of Assessments, Analytics, and Accountability**

## Grade 3 ELA Computer-Based LEAP Practice Test Answer Key

This document contains the answers to all items on the grade 3 ELA Computer-Based Practice Test, as well as alignment and scoring information. Refer to the [ELA Practice Test Guidance](#) for information on how to incorporate the practice tests into instruction, as well as a scoring activity.

Although the actual test contains only three sessions and **one** task — a Research Simulation Task (RST) **OR** a Literary Analysis Task (LAT) **OR** a Narrative Writing Task (NWT) — the practice test includes four sessions and all three tasks so students can address Writing standards 1, 2, and 3. See the [Grades 3-8 ELA LEAP Assessment Guide](#) for more information about the test’s design.

Session	Sequence	Item Type	Key	Alignment
1 Literary Analysis Task	1	EBSR	<b>PART A: C</b> <b>PART B: A</b>	RL.3.4, L.3.4, RL.3.1
	2	EBSR	<b>PART A: D</b> <b>PART B: A</b>	RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	3	EBSR	<b>PART A: C</b> <b>PART B: A</b>	RL.3.3, RL.3.1
	4	EBSR	<b>PART A: A</b> <b>PART B: A</b>	RL.3.4, L.3.4, RL.3.1
	5	EBSR	<b>PART A: B</b> <b>PART B: D</b>	RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	6	TE	<a href="#">See TE Item Key</a>	RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	7	PCR	<a href="#">See Scoring Table</a> and <a href="#">Rubric</a> <a href="#">Sample Student Responses</a>	RL.3.7, RL.3.1; W.3.2; L.3.1, L.3.2

2 Research Simulation Task	8	MS	PART A: B PART B: A, F	RI.3.4, RI.3.1
	9	EBSR	PART A: C PART B: B	RI.3.2, RI.3.1
	10	TE	PART A: C <a href="#">See TE Item Key</a>	RI.3.5, RI.3.1
	11	MS	PART A: C PART B: B, E	RI.3.4, L.3.4, RI.3.1
	12	TE	<a href="#">See TE Item Key</a>	RI.3.3, RI.3.1
	13	EBSR	PART A: B PART B: D	RI.3.2, RI.3.1
	14	PCR	<a href="#">See Scoring Table</a> and <a href="#">Rubric</a> <a href="#">Sample Student Responses</a>	RI.3.3, RI.3.1; W.3.2; L.3.1, L.3.2
3 Narrative Writing Task	15	EBSR	PART A: B PART B: C	RL.3.4, L.3.5, RL.3.1
	16	MS	PART A: A PART B: B, C	RL.3.3, RL.3.1
	17	TE	<a href="#">See TE Item Key</a>	RL.3.3, RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	18	EBSR	PART A: B PART B: D	RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	19	PCR	<a href="#">See Scoring Table</a> and <a href="#">Rubric</a>	W.3.3; L.3.1, L.3.2
3 Reading Passage Set	20	EBSR	PART A: C PART B: B	RL.3.4, L.3.4, RL.3.1
	21	MS	PART A: D PART B: D, E	RL.3.3, RL.3.1
	22	ESR	PART A: A PART B: D	RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	23	TE	<a href="#">See TE Item Key</a>	RL.3.3, RL.3.1

4 Reading Literary and Informational Texts	24	EBSR	<b>PART A: B</b> <b>PART B: D</b>	RL.3.3, RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	25	EBSR	<b>PART A: B</b> <b>PART B: A</b>	RL.3.3, RL.3.1
	26	TE	<a href="#">See TE Item Key</a>	RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	27	EBSR	<b>PART A: B</b> <b>PART B: C</b>	RL.3.2, RL.3.1
	28	EBSR	<b>PART A: C</b> <b>PART B: D</b>	RI.3.7, RI.3.1
	29	EBSR	<b>PART A: C</b> <b>PART B: B</b>	RI.3.2, RI.3.1
	30	MS	<b>PART A: C</b> <b>PART B: C, D</b>	RI.3.8, RI.3.1
	31	TE	<a href="#">See TE Item Key</a>	RI.3.2, RI.3.1

Item Type	Description	Scoring Information
<b>Evidence-Based Selected Response (EBSR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two-part item</li> <li>Part A measures reading comprehension</li> <li>Part B asks for evidence to support part A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worth up to two points (2, 1, or 0)</li> <li>Full credit (2 points): both parts correct</li> <li>Partial credit (1 point): Part A is correct; Part B is not correct</li> <li>No credit (0 points): <b>only</b> Part B is correct or neither part is correct</li> </ul>
<b>Multiple-Select (MS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires more than one answer (required number of correct answers in <b>boldface</b> in question)</li> <li>Can have one part (e.g., asks student to select <b>two</b> summary details) or two parts (e.g., Part A asks students to choose <b>two</b> themes; Part B asks for evidence for themes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worth up to two points (2, 1, or 0)</li> <li>Full credit (2 points): All answers correct</li> <li>Partial credit (1 point): for one-part MS item, 1 of 2 answers is correct or for an EBSR with MS in Part A, 1 of 2 answers in Part A is correct OR both answers are correct in part A, but Part B is incorrect</li> <li>No credit (0 points): Both parts are incorrect OR <b>only</b> Part B is correct</li> </ul>
<b>Prose Constructed Response (PCR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires student to show understanding of text(s) by writing a multi-paragraph response</li> <li>Addresses more than one text depending on the task (LAT: 2 texts; RST: 2 texts)</li> <li>Requires evidence from texts</li> <li>Measures Reading Comprehension and Written Expression, and Knowledge of Language and Conventions (LAT and RST); measures Written Expression and Knowledge of Language and Conventions (NWT)</li> </ul>	<p>LAT/RST: Worth up to 15 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading Comprehension and Written Expression dimension: score point of 3, 2, 1, 0; holistic score is multiplied by 4 to provide total dimension score</li> <li>Knowledge of Language and Conventions dimension (3, 2, 1, 0)</li> </ul> <p>NWT: Worth up to 12 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written Expression dimension: score point of 3, 2, 1, 0; holistic score is multiplied by 3 to provide total dimension score</li> <li>Knowledge of Language and Conventions dimension (3, 2, 1, 0)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Technology-Enhanced (TE)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May have one part OR be part of an EBSR item</li> <li>• Types: Drag and drop, drop-down menu, highlighting words/phrases/sentences, match interaction within a table (refer to <a href="#">LEAP 2025 Technology Enhanced Item Types document</a> for more information)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worth up to two points (2, 1, or 0)</li> <li>• TE Items that are part of an EBSR follow the same general rules as EBSR items.</li> <li>• Full credit (2 points): all correct responses – whether one or two parts – and ordered correctly, if required, OR if the item includes six or more correct responses, full credit when student chooses all or nearly all correct responses (number of correct responses minus 1)</li> <li>• Partial credit (1 point): depends on item type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For most one-part TE items: 1 point if student chooses at least half of the correct responses</li> <li>○ For one-part TE items that require paired responses: 1 point when student chooses at least half of the correctly paired responses</li> <li>○ For one-part TE items that require ordering (e.g., steps in a process): 1 point when a student chooses and correctly orders more than half of the correct responses</li> <li>○ For summary items that include at least two extra options (e.g., 6 summary details, but student has to choose and order 4 correctly): 1 point when student chooses all of the correct responses but does not place them in the correct order OR when student chooses and correctly orders more than half of the correct responses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No credit (0 points): does not meet partial credit rules or for a two-part TE item, <b>only</b> part B is correct</li> </ul>
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## Keys for Technology-Enhanced Items

### Session 1, Item 6

#### First

The animals meet to decide how to bring warmth to Earth.

#### Second

Wolverine breaks the sky floor open.

#### Third

Wolverine and Fisher climb through the sky hole.

#### Fourth

Sky People chase Fisher and Wolverine.

#### Fifth

Fisher is given a place to live in the sky.

Note: The image on the next page shows the question prior to a response being entered.

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Fisher is given a place to live in the sky.  
Wolverine and Fisher climb through the sky hole.

**First**

**Second**

**Third**

**Fourth**

**Fifth**

Session 2, Item 10\*

Arctic Animal Characteristics	Section Headings
digging under the snow	Escape Artists
sleeping all winter	
using fat to block the cold	The Layered Look
protected by blubber	
covered with feathers	Dressed for Winter
growing another coat	

**\*The characteristics do not need to be in a particular order within each section heading.**

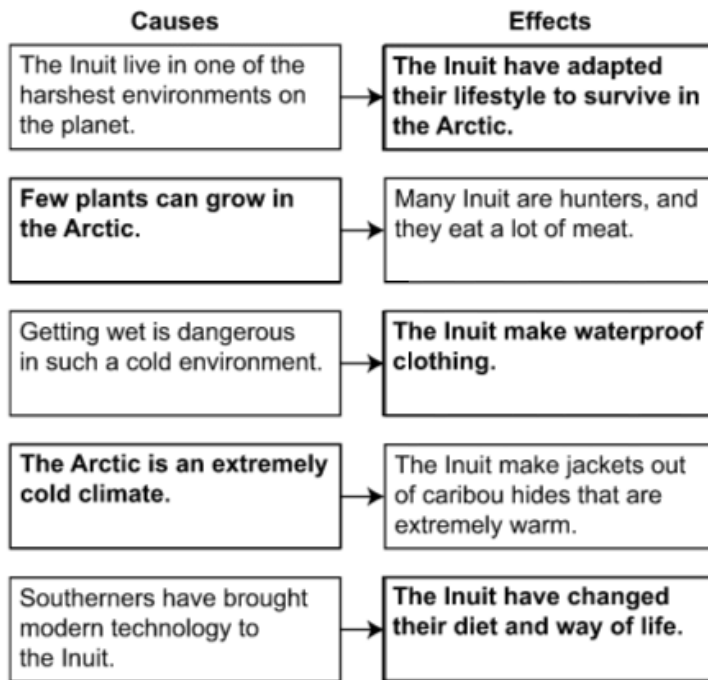
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Arctic Animal Characteristics	Section Headings
	Escape Artists
	The Layered Look
	Dressed for Winter

- sleeping all winter
- covered with feathers
- using fat to block the cold
- growing another coat
- digging under the snow
- protected by blubber

Session 2, Item 12



List of Causes and Effects

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**Causes**

The Inuit live in one of the harshest environments on the planet.

Many Inuit are hunters, and they eat a lot of meat.

Getting wet is dangerous in such a cold environment.

The Inuit make jackets out of caribou hides that are extremely warm.

Southerners have brought modern technology to the Inuit.

**Effects**

**List of Causes and Effects**

Few plants can grow in the Arctic.

The Inuit have adapted their lifestyle to survive in the Arctic.

The Inuit have changed their diet and way of life.

The Arctic is an extremely cold climate.

The Inuit make waterproof clothing.

**Session 3, Item 17**

<b>Events</b>	<b>How Dad Responds</b>
Derrick asks if it is snowing.	<b>Dad hurries the boys into the tent.</b>
The boys make fish faces.	<b>Dad starts to feel happier.</b>
Derrick asks if there should be water in the boat.	<b>Dad gets everyone to work together to make it safely back to shore.</b>

**Dad feels sad that the trip was not a success.**

**Dad talks about how much fun it is to catch fish.**

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**Dad feels sad that the trip was not a success.**

**Dad hurries the boys into the tent.**

**Dad gets everyone to work together to make it safely back to shore.**

**Dad talks about how much fun it is to catch fish.**

**Dad starts to feel happier.**

**Session 3, Item 23**

**“turn like clocks.” (line 49)**

**“cool spots to rest.” (line 51)**

**Evidence of the Speaker’s Feelings about  
Shadows**

fearful	<b>“Sudden scary shadows” (line 44)</b>
curious	<b>“Searching for shadows,” (line 5)</b>
creative	<b>“with a piece of chalk.” (line 26)</b>

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“Searching for shadows,” (line 5)

“with a piece of chalk.” (line 26)

“Sudden scary shadows” (line 44)

“turn like clocks.” (line 49)

“cool spots to rest.” (line 51)

**Evidence of the Speaker’s Feelings about  
Shadows**

fearful	
curious	
creative	

Session 4, item 26

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Jacob plays with kittens on the porch.	Jacob has a snack in the kitchen.	Jacob feeds the puppies in the barn.	Jacob talks with his father by the tractor.	Jacob climbs into the tree house.

Note: The image below shows the question prior to a response being entered.

Jacob climbs into the tree house.	Jacob plays with kittens on the porch.	Jacob talks with his father by the tractor.	Jacob has a snack in the kitchen.	Jacob feeds the puppies in the barn.
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5



Session 4, item 31

Problem	Solution	Astronauts do scientific experiments while in outer space.	Astronauts fix machines in space instead of bringing them back to Earth.
There is no air or water in outer space.	Astronauts wear spacesuits that let them breathe and drink.		
Tools can float away while astronauts are on a spacewalk.	Astronauts use ropes to connect their objects to their spacesuits.		
The tethers that keep the astronaut close to the spacecraft can break.	Astronauts wear a machine called SAFER that can fly them to their spacecraft.		

Note: The image below shows the question prior to a response being entered.

Problem	Solution
There is no air or water in outer space.	<div data-bbox="661 175 907 326" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Astronauts do scientific experiments while in outer space.</div> <div data-bbox="926 175 1171 326" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Astronauts fix machines in space instead of bringing them back to Earth.</div>
Tools can float away while astronauts are on a spacewalk.	<div data-bbox="661 354 907 505" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Astronauts wear a machine called SAFER that can fly them to their spacecraft.</div> <div data-bbox="926 354 1171 505" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Astronauts wear spacesuits that let them breathe and drink.</div>
The tethers that keep the astronaut close to the spacecraft can break.	<div data-bbox="795 522 1041 673" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Astronauts use ropes to connect their objects to their spacesuits.</div>

Scoring of Grade 3 PCR				
Task	Dimensions	Points by Dimension	Total Points	Rubric
Literary Analysis	Reading Comprehension and Written Expression*	12 points (4 times holistic score)	15	<a href="#">LAT/RST Rubric</a>
	Conventions	3 points		
Research Simulation	Reading Comprehension and Written Expression*	12 points (4 times holistic score)	15	<a href="#">LAT/RST Rubric</a>
	Conventions	3 points		
Narrative Writing	Written Expression	9 points (3 times holistic score)	12	<a href="#">NWT Rubric</a>
	Conventions	3 points		

\*When scoring the Reading Comprehension and Written Expression dimension, the holistic score (3, 2, 1, 0) is determined, based on which score point best describes that response. That holistic score is multiplied by 4. This means that if a student receives a 2 for Reading Comprehension and Written Expression, the student will receive a score of 8 for this dimension. This score is then added to the Conventions score to provide the total score for the RST and the LAT.

## Grade 3 Literary Analysis Task (LAT) and Research Simulation Task (RST) Scoring Rubric

Construct Measured	Score Point 3	Score Point 2	Score Point 1	Score Point 0
Reading Comprehension and Written Expression	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrates <b>full comprehension</b> by providing an <b>accurate</b> explanation/description/comparison;</li> <li>• addresses the prompt and provides <b>effective</b> development of the topic that is <b>consistently appropriate</b> to the task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>• uses <b>clear</b> reasoning supported by <b>relevant</b> text-based evidence in the development of the topic;</li> <li>• is <b>effectively</b> organized with <b>clear and coherent</b> writing;</li> <li>• uses language <b>effectively</b> to clarify ideas.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrates <b>comprehension</b> by providing a <b>mostly accurate</b> explanation/description/comparison;</li> <li>• addresses the prompt and provides <b>some</b> development of the topic that is <b>generally appropriate</b> to the task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>• uses reasoning and <b>relevant</b> text-based evidence in the development of the topic;</li> <li>• is organized with <b>mostly clear and coherent</b> writing;</li> <li>• uses language in a way that is <b>mostly effective</b> to clarify ideas.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrates <b>limited comprehension</b>;</li> <li>• addresses the prompt and provides <b>minimal</b> development of the topic that is <b>limited in its appropriateness</b> to the task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>• uses <b>limited</b> reasoning and text-based evidence;</li> <li>• demonstrates <b>limited</b> organization and coherence;</li> <li>• uses language to express ideas with <b>limited</b> clarity.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>does not</b> demonstrate comprehension;</li> <li>• is <b>undeveloped and/or inappropriate</b> to the task, purpose, and audience;</li> <li>• includes <b>little to no</b> text-based evidence;</li> <li>• <b>lacks</b> organization and coherence;</li> <li>• <b>does not</b> use language to express ideas with clarity.</li> </ul>
Knowledge of Language and Conventions	<p>The student response demonstrates <b>full command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There <b>may</b> be a <b>few minor errors</b> in mechanics, grammar, and usage, but <b>meaning is clear</b>.</p>	<p>The student response demonstrates <b>some command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There <b>may</b> be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that <b>occasionally impede understanding</b>, but the <b>meaning is generally clear</b>.</p>	<p>The student response demonstrates <b>limited command</b> of the conventions of standard English at an appropriate level of complexity. There <b>may</b> be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that <b>often impede understanding</b>.</p>	<p>The student response <b>does not demonstrate command</b> of the conventions of standard English at the appropriate level of complexity. <b>Frequent and varied errors</b> in mechanics, grammar, and usage <b>impede understanding</b>.</p>

## Grade 3 Narrative Writing Task (NWT) Scoring Rubric

Construct Measured	Score Point 3	Score Point 2	Score Point 1	Score Point 0
Written Expression	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is <b>effectively</b> developed with narrative elements and is <b>consistently appropriate</b> to the task;</li> <li>is <b>effectively</b> organized with <b>clear and coherent</b> writing;</li> <li>uses language <b>effectively</b> to clarify ideas.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is developed with <b>some</b> narrative elements and is <b>generally appropriate</b> to the task;</li> <li>is organized with <b>mostly coherent</b> writing;</li> <li>uses language in a way that is <b>mostly effective</b> to clarify ideas.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is <b>minimally</b> developed with <b>few</b> narrative elements and is <b>limited in its appropriateness</b> to the task;</li> <li>demonstrates <b>limited</b> organization and coherence;</li> <li>uses language to express ideas with <b>limited</b> clarity.</li> </ul>	<p>The student response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is <b>undeveloped and/or inappropriate</b> to the task;</li> <li><b>lacks</b> organization and coherence;</li> <li><b>does not</b> use language to express ideas with clarity.</li> </ul>
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### NOTES:

- The reading dimension is not scored for elicited narrative stories.
- Per the [Louisiana Student Standards](#), narrative elements in grades 3-5 may include establishing a situation; organizing a logical event sequence; describing scenes, objects, or people; developing characters' personalities; and using dialogue as appropriate.
- The elements of organization to be assessed are expressed in the grade-level standards W1-W3.

## Updates Log

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