

This document contains the answer keys and rubrics for the LEAP Connect Grade 8 ELA Practice Test. Information related to item complexity is indicated in the column labeled “Tier” (i.e., 1-4) in the Grade 8 ELA Practice Test – Sessions 1-3 tables. Additional information about the item complexity is located in the [LEAP Connect Assessment Guides for Grades 6-8](#).

Item Type Key

- MC – multiple choice
- CR – constructed response

Grade 8 ELA Practice Test – Session 1

Session 1					
Item #	Item Type	Value (points)	Answer	Tier	LC Alignment
1	MC	1	B	1	LC.RI.8.9
2	MC	1	B	1	LC.RI.8.5d
3	MC	1	A	1	LC.RI.8.1a
4	MC	1	B	1	LC.RI.8.8a
5	MC	1	B	1	LC.L.8.6a
6	MC	1	A	1	LC.RI.8.5d
7	MC	1	A	1	LC.RI.8.1a
8	MC	1	A	1	LC.RI.8.8a
9	MC	1	A	2	LC.RL.8.2b
10	MC	1	B	2	LC.RL.8.1b
11	MC	1	C	2	LC.RL.8.1b
12	MC	1	B	2	LC.RL.8.1b
13	MC	1	C	2	LC.RL.8.1b
14	MC	1	C	2	LC.L.8.4a
15	MC	1	B	3	LC.RI.8.8a
16	MC	1	C	3	LC.RI.8.5d
17	MC	1	B	3	LC.RI.8.1a
18	MC	1	A	3	LC.RI.8.1a
19	MC	1	C	3	LC.L.8.6a

Grade 8 ELA Practice Test – Session 2

Session 2					
Item #	Item Type	Value (points)	Answer	Tier	LC Alignment
20	MC	1	A	3	LC.RL.8.2b
21	MC	1	A	3	LC.RL.8.1b
22	MC	1	C	3	LC.RL.8.1b
23	MC	1	C	3	LC.RL.8.1b
24	MC	1	B	3	LC.RL.8.1b
25	MC	1	C	3	LC.L.8.4a

Grade 8 ELA Practice Test – Session 3

Session 3					
Item #	Item Type	Value (points)	Answer	Tier	LC Alignment
26	MC	1	B	1	LC.W.8.8a
27	MC	1	B	2	LC.W.8.1b
28	MC	1	A	3	LC.W.8.8a
29	MC	1	C	4	LC.W.8.1b
30-35	Set	2			Note: This set (Items 30-35) has a point value of 2 based on the number of correct student responses in the set. 0/6 = 0 points 1/6, 2/6 = 1 point 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 = 2 points
30	MC		B	1	LC.W.8.4
31	MC		B	1	LC.W.8.4
32	MC		A	1	LC.W.8.4
33	MC		B	1	LC.W.8.4
34	MC		A	1	LC.W.8.4
35	MC		B	1	LC.W.8.4

Grade 8 ELA Practice Test – Session 4

Session 4					
Item #	Item Type	Value (points)	Answer	Tier	LC Alignment
36	CR	9	N/A	2	LC.W.8.4

Grade 8 ELA Practice Test – Session 4: Constructed Response Rubric

Session 4 - Item 36	
Score	Description
Organization – The narrative establishes a situation and includes a character with relevant descriptive statements. The response provides a conclusion.	
3	The narrative includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • character and situation; • a concluding statement that connects to the situation.
2	The narrative includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • character and situation; • a concluding statement that may not connect to the situation.
1	The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, situation, or conclusion.
0	There is no evidence of organization or response is off topic.
Idea Development – The narrative includes a sequence of events that unfold naturally and develops the story using temporal words.	
3	The narrative includes at a minimum:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a sequence of two events related to the situation; • both events include a detail about the character’s actions, thoughts, or feelings.
2	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one event related to the situation; • an event that includes a detail about the character’s actions, thoughts, or feelings.
1	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation or a detail about the character.</p>
0	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p>Conventions – The student uses standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	
3	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • end punctuation for more than one thought unit; • one simple sentence with subject-verb agreement.
2	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • end punctuation for one thought unit; • one simple sentence with or without subject-verb agreement.
1	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum one use of standard English conventions.</p>
0	<p>There is no evidence of standard English conventions.</p>