

Winter 2023-2024 Grade 8 Reading Growth Assessment

(Effective for Winter 2024-2025)

In the 2023-2024 school year, students in Virginia public schools will take growth assessments in Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics. Legislation passed in the 2021 Virginia General Assembly ([HB2027](#) and [SB1357](#)) requires these assessments be administered to students once in the fall and once in the winter (mid-year). In addition to the growth assessments, the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for Grades 3-8 Reading and Mathematics will continue to be administered. Test items at, below, and above a student’s grade level may be delivered online via the computer adaptive algorithm as appropriate for the student. **Please note that the winter 2023 computer adaptive test for Grade 8 Reading will begin with questions that assess [Grade 8 Reading SOL](#), and the overall test may include test questions that assess Grade 7 or Grade 8 Reading SOL.**

Test Blueprint Summary Table

Reporting Category	Grade 8 SOL Eligible to Appear in the Winter Growth Assessment	Number of Items Winter Growth Assessment Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) Format**	Number of Items Winter Growth Assessment Paper Format
Demonstrate comprehension of fictional texts and use word analysis strategies*	8.4a-c, e-f 8.5a-i	7 (about 37% of the test)	14 (45% of the test)
Demonstrate comprehension of nonfiction texts and use word analysis strategies*	8.4a-c, e-f 8.6a-l	12 (about 63% of the test)	17 (about 55% of the test)
Total Number of Items on Test		19	31
Total Number of Passages on Test		3	4

*Using word analysis strategies and word reference materials will be tested with both fictional and nonfictional texts.

**The online CAT includes multiple-choice questions and technology-enhanced items (TEI). The number of TEI on the CAT can range from 5% to 30% as the test meets the blueprint requirements and adapts to the performance level of the individual student.

Technology-Enhanced Item Types

There are different types of technology-enhanced items. Some examples include:

- drag and drop,
- hot spot, and
- hot text.
- [Introduction to TestNav 8: Multiple-Choice/Technology-Enhanced Item Tests](#) provides a brief description of the different types of TEI, including what is needed for a TEI to be considered "answered."