PRACTICE TEST GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS
2021-22
OVERVIEW

Practice Tests (PTs) help students gain confidence navigating assessments and question types. Login from home or school https://student.kiteai.org. Quick videos and instructions on each question demonstrate how to answer. A pop-up message tells students the answer is correct or incorrect. There is one set of grade-specific technology PTs and thee sets of grade-specific subject-oriented PTs:

- **Technology Practice Tests (TPTs)** practice simple questions, successful manipulation of each question type, and tools. TPTs include question instructions, video demonstrations, pop-up coaching messages, and read-aloud for K-1.

- **Subject-Oriented Practice Tests (SPTs)** focus on more complex subject oriented questions, manipulation of question types, and a deeper look at tools.
  - SPT: KELPA practice for Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment or Screener.

ACCESS KITE STUDENT PORTAL (TWO OPTIONS)

1. Install Kite Student Portal on your computer, visit https://ksassessments.org
2. Enter https://student.kiteai.org in a browser (Firefox, Chrome, Edge, Safari, & Safari for iOS).

ACCESS PRACTICE TESTS

1. Open Kite Student Portal.
2. Enter a username and password from the tables below under Practice Test Logins.
3. Choose "SIGN IN."
4. Choose "PRACTICE FIRST" on the welcome screen.
5. Choose Technology (TPTs) or subject (STPs).
6. Choose "Take Test."

PRACTICE TEST LOGINS

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*Students practice with PNP settings.
ASSESSMENT SELECTION & DIRECTIONS SCREEN

After logging in, students click PRACTICE FIRST, select a subject area, and click Take Test (KELPA SPTs require a mic check). Students encounter the directions screen first. The TPT directions are concise. The SPT directions are detailed. Use the test name at the top of the screen to confirm students select the correct test. All students can have directions read aloud by clicking the speaker button. GO BACK, takes the student to the test selection screen. BEGIN, takes the student to the first question in the test.

QUESTION SCREEN

1. **Top Navigation Bar**: Students select numbers in the bar to go to the corresponding question on the test. A student does not have to move sequentially through the questions when using the top navigation bar.

2. **Icons**: There are two icons in the top right corner of each question on a test: the Flag icon and the Help icon.

   - **Flag Icon**: Select this icon to indicate this is an item to return to later. When selected:
     - A flagged question that is **unanswered** appears on a white background with a red border and a red flag below the number.
     - A flagged question that has been **answered** appears on a white background with a blue border and a blue flag with a small dot below the number.

   - **Help Icon**: Select this icon for directions about answering a question type.
3. **Review/End Button**: This button will take a student directly to the review screen at the end of the test. See the Review/End Screen section in this document for additional information.

4. **Back and Next Buttons**: These buttons allow a student to advance backward or forward one item at a time. If a student clicks "Back" when on the first question the student is brought back to the directions page.

5. **Clear Button**: This button allows a student to clear their response from a question. This button will also remove any highlighting the student has made on technology-enhanced questions.

6. **Tools**: The "TOOLBOX" displays available online tools. Students select the arrow icon on the left side of the screen to expand the TOOLBOX. See the Tools section for information about tools available for each TPT and SPT.

7. **Video Demonstration**: On TPTs, a video for each question demonstrates how to answer correctly. For K-1, a human voice in the videos narrates all the text for each question.

8. **Instructions**: On TPTs and SPTs, text at the top of each question explains how to answer each item type.

9. **Text-to-Speech Buttons (for questions)**: These buttons are available to students requiring text-to-speech read-aloud. For questions regarding text-to-speech accommodations, refer to the Kansas Tools and Accommodations Manual and/or Kansas Accommodations by Program manuals on the KSDE website. Note: all students will receive the text-to-speech read-aloud option on the science assessment.
PASSAGE & QUESTIONS SCREEN (A STIMULUS WITH ASSOCIATED QUESTIONS)

10. **Text-to-Speech Buttons (for passages and poems):** These buttons are available to students requiring the text-to-speech read-aloud option for the passage or poem. For questions regarding text-to-speech accommodations, refer to Kansas Tools and Accommodations Manual and/or Kansas Accommodations by Program manuals on the KSDE website.

11. **Question Views (View One/View All):** These options are only available when content, such as an ELA reading passage or poem, is presented with the test questions. "View One" displays one question at a time and its answer choices. "View All" displays the question and answer choices the student is currently on, as well as the remaining questions associated with the passage or poem.

12. **Content Views (Passage Only/Question Only/Passage and Questions):** These options are only available when content, such as an ELA reading passage or poem, is presented with the test questions. These options are located along the bottom of the screen.
   - Passage Only: Select this option to display only the passage or poem.
   - Questions Only: Select this option to display only the questions and answer choices.
   - Passage and Questions: Select this option to display both the passage or poem and the questions and answer choices. This is the default display.

13. **Bold Dividing Line:** When in Passage and Questions content view, the bold dividing line drags left or right allowing passage or questions to occupy more space.
ABOUT QUESTION TYPES

In addition to multiple-choice, students encounter more psychometrically complex and cognitively challenging types of questions. Technology Enhanced Items (TEI’s), ask students to graph, categorize, label, match, order, and construct answers. For example, students select objects on the screen to move, connect objects on the screen, choose words or phrases from a body of text, or provide multiple answers for one question.

ABOUT QUESTION PROMPTS ON PRACTICE TESTS

Most practice tests include instructions and/or purpose-setting statements above each question explaining how to answer that question type. Instructions may begin with the words, "For this question, you will...,” or “Click or tap and hold...,” to inform students about what action is required to answer. The TPTs include a video showing the student how to answer the question and the correct answer. Instructions are on practice tests only. Instructions are NOT on Interim or Summative assessments; students can use the Help icon to learn more.

REVIEW/END SCREEN

The Review/End screen displays each question number indicating whether questions are answered, unanswered, and/or flagged for review. Students return to a question by clicking the question number. Use the BACK button on the Review/End screen to return to the last question of the test.

In this screenshot:
Question #1: Answered
Question #2: Not answered
Question #3: Answered and marked for review
Question #4: Not answered/marked for review

Students select the END button when finished with the assessment. When clicked, a window pops up asking, "Are you sure you want to end?" Selecting "NO" takes the student back to the Review/End screen. Selecting "YES" ends the test and takes the student back to the assessment selection screen. From there, students can exit Kite Student Portal.
SOFT BREAKS

A "soft break" is used in the math assessment, at grade 6 and above, to separate questions where calculators can and cannot be used. Soft breaks are also used on Interim Mini-Tests to separate mini-tests when more than one mini-test is assigned.

Note: Soft breaks are not on the practice tests. The image below shows how a soft break Review/End screen would appear.

1. **Directions**: Soft break directions explain that the student will not be able to return to these questions after choosing the Continue button.

2. **Continue Button**: When selected, a window pops up saying, "You will not be able to return to this section once you leave. Are you sure you want to move to the next section?" Selecting "Continue" ends the assessment section and takes the student to the directions page of the next section.

![Review: Math Grade 6: Session 1](image-url)
**TOOLS**

Practice Tests feature a variety of tools. Some tools are available for all subjects, while other tools, such as the calculator, are specific to certain grades and subjects. All tools are accessed by clicking on the arrow icon in the left side of the screen to pop out the TOOLBOX. A chart listing the tools that may be available on TPTs and SPTs for KELPA, ELA, math, and science tests by grade can be found in the Tools section, below.

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<td>Grades 3-5 are not allowed. Grade 6 and above are allowed on some, but not all questions.</td>
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<td>![Calculator–TI Graphing]</td>
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<td>Allows students to plot graphs, solve equations, and display several lines of calculations on the screen.</td>
<td>Grade 10 and above allowed on some, but not all questions.</td>
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<td>![Calculator–TI Scientific]</td>
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<td>Allows students to perform calculations in science, engineering, and mathematics.</td>
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<td>![Guide Line]</td>
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<td>When selected, follows the student’s pointer and lightly highlights the text of a reading passage line by line. This tool differs for iPads, where the line remains stationary as the student scrolls through the passages.</td>
<td>For use on passages and poems.</td>
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<td>![Tags]</td>
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<td>Allows students to use various tags within a reading passage. Tags remain in the passage until the student selects &quot;CLEAR.&quot; The tags available are Main Idea, Supporting Details, Key Word, Evidence, Reread This, and Help.</td>
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| ![Library Icon] | Library | Allows students to reference a resource sheet with formulas and conversions.
2, 3, 6, 7, 8 | Available on all tests for math in grades 4-8 and 10. |
| ![Note Icon] | Notes   | Presents a yellow rectangle on the screen where students can type notes about the test content.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 | For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices. |
| ![Search Icon] | Search | Allows student to enter search terms. Matching words are then highlighted in orange.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices. |
| ![Magnification Icon] | Whole Screen Magnification | Allows students to magnify the screen up to five times (5x).
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 | For use on passages, poems, questions, and answer choices. |
| ![Sketch Pad Icon] | Sketch Pad | Gives students space to draw and write.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 | Available on all tests. |
| ![Striker Icon] | Striker | Allows students to place a line through an answer choice that is not desired. When answer choices are images, the image fades and a small line appears at the beginning of the image.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 | For use on multiple-choice and multiple-select answer choices. |
| ![Periodic Table Icon] | Periodic Table | Presents a standard periodic table. Students can select an individual element to view atomic number, atomic mass, and full element name (default view is abbreviations).
2, 3, 9, 10 | Available on all science tests. |

1 This tool is available on TPT Grades K-1.
2 This tool is available on TPT Grades 2-5.
3 This tool is available on TPT Grades 6-12.
4 This tool is available on SPT KELPA.
5 This tool is available on SPT ELA.
6 This tool is available on SPT Math Grades 3-5.
7 This tool is available on SPT Math Grades 6-8.
8 This tool is available on SPT Math Grade 10.
9 This tool is available on SPT Science Grade 5.
10 This tool is available on SPT Science Grades 8 and 11.