Assessment for Learning: Enhancement Measures of the TSA and Using Assessment Data to Enhance Learning and Teaching – Secondary English

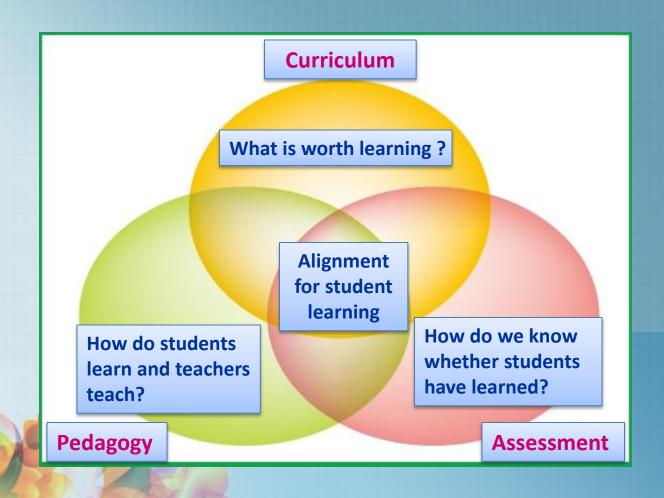


Today's Programme

Time	Content	Speakers/Guest Speakers	
1:45 – 2:00	Registration		
2:00 - 3:10	 Enhancement measures of the TSA Using assessment data to enhance learning and teaching 	Ms Flora Leung Fung Yin Senior Curriculum Development Officer (Assessment & Support / English)	
3:10 - 3:30	Aligning objectives in the L-T-A loop	Dr Mak Chi Keung Principal, Lok Sin Tong Young Ko Hsiao Lin Secondary School	
3:30 – 3:45	Break		
3:45 - 4:45	Workshop Assessment as a teaching tool	Ms Petunia Kingsley English Panel Chairperson, HKMA David Li Kwok Po College	
4:45- 5:00	Q&A	All speakers	

ASSESSMENT

an integral part of the curriculum, pedagogy and assessment cycle



Background

Learning for Life Learning through Life

Reform Proposals for the Education System in Hong Kong



香港教育制度 改革建議

Basic Competency Assessments

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of The People's Republic of China

Education Commission

September 2000

Education Blueprint for the 21st Century

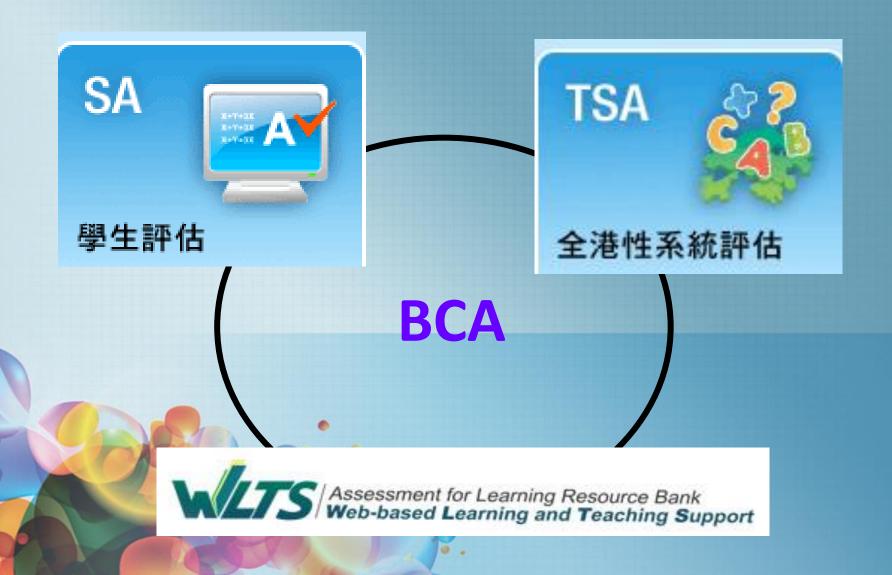
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to enhance the effectiveness of assessment mechanisms in facilitating learning and teaching

Basic Competency Assessment



Main purposes of TSA

- To provide the Government and school management with information on school standards in key learning areas for the purposes of school improvement and to provide more focused support.
- To provide teachers with feedback positively so as to enhance the effectiveness of learning and teaching
- To enhance assessment literacy and promote the culture of assessment for learning in schools, especially in basic education (P1-S3).

Enhancement measures of the TSA

I. Implementation arrangement

Primary Six (P6)

Continue with the alternate-year arrangement for P6 TSA & Pre-S1 HKAT

- Relieving the pressure on students and teachers
- Opt-in schools can obtain continuous assessment data
- TSA's function of gauging students' attainments and improving learning and teaching can be largely preserved

Primary Three (P3) & Secondary Three (S3)

Maintain status quo for P3 and S3 TSA

- Primary schools could gain reliable data for improvement in L&T at an early stage
- For secondary schools,
 teachers appreciate that item
 analysis reports were useful

Enhancement measures of the TSA

II. Reporting functions

A. School level report

Primary schools	Secondary schools
 Not disclose BC attainment rates of the CEM subjects from 2014 TSA onwards 	Remain unchanged
 Not disclose the data of same cohort of primary school students in the School Supplementary Report from 2014 TSA onwards 	Remain unchanged
- Remove the TSA from the Key Performance Measures	Remain unchanged

Enhancement measures of the TSA

II. Reporting functions

- B. a more interactive platform (beginning 2014/2015)
 - Question papers with model answers and question items will be shown.
 - b. Charts showing performance over 3 years on a particular BC/question intent.
 - c. Schools may request accounts for different users (e.g. PSMCD, EPH, subject teachers).
 - d. Training sessions for account administrators and users will be provided.

New feature already available



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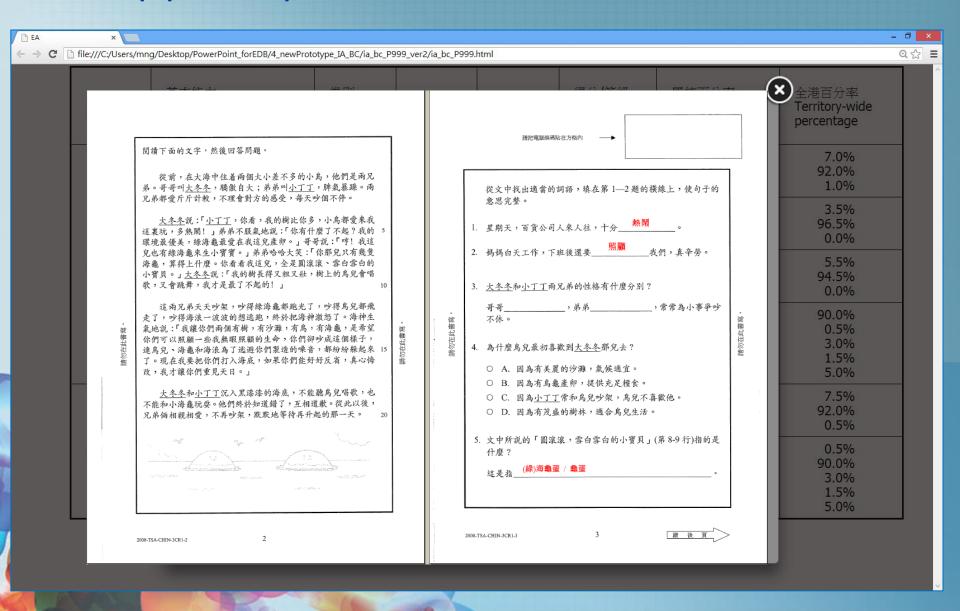
Phase One (2014)

Question papers with question items and model answers will be shown



Phase One (2014)

Question papers with question items and model answers will be shown



Phase Two (2015)

Other item information and data will be shown

範疇 Skill	基本能力 Basic Competency	卷別 Sub- paper	題號 Item no.	選項 Option	得分/等級 Score/ Grade	學校百分率 School percentage	全港百分率 Territory-wide percentage
		3CR1 3CR3	<u>Q01</u> <u>Q01</u>		0 1 U#	5.0% 95.0% 0.0%	7.0% 92.0% 1.0%
	BR1.2 能理解所學詞語	3CR1 3CR3	Q02 Q02		0 1 U#	0.0% 100.0% 0.0%	3.5% 96.5% 0.0%
見讀	三年分析	3CR1	<u>Q10</u>		0 1 U#	2.0% 98.0% 0.0%	5.5% 94.5% 0.0%
2. 流感高峰期到了,老師提醒我們要注意個人衞生,保持課室					課室	91.0% 0.0% 3.0% 2.0% 4.0%	90.0% 0.5% 3.0% 1.5% 5.0%
清潔 SCR3 Q06 D U#					10.0% 90.0% 0.0%	7.5% 92.0% 0.5%	
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And with charts showing performance over 3 years (on a particular BC/question intent)



Tasks and exemplars with annotations will also be shown

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Chi Lang & File Writing

基本能力 Basic

卷別 Sub題號

選項

學生能理解和解答加、減法的簡易應用題 (例如 Q13/M1; Q14/M1; Q11/M3; Q13/M3)。在 Q12/M2 中,一些學生不小心計算減法或混淆減數和被減數 Q12/M2

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Math

學生大致能理解篇章內容,如複述篇章的表層信息,找出文中的因果關係,歸納篇章內容,以及掌握段落大意等。在〈快樂農莊〉中,學生能整合篇章信息,找出符合快樂農莊前院的景象(3CR1第4題)。學生也能理解文中的因果關係,找出「我」和妹妹到快樂農莊的原因(3CR1第3題)和為什麼妹妹要舉行派對(3CR3第6題)。在段落理解方面,學生能掌握「第二段和第三段」是描述「我」和妹妹照顧種子的情形(3CR2第6題)。

P3 E Student Exemplar

Today I made a new friend she was kind and helpful. at school We went to the park after school, then, we ate Tce-cream together.

She told me she like playing football.

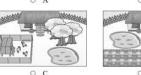
Annotation

The student is able to provide brief and relevant deas/responses to the questions ("Today, I made a new riend at school.", "We went to the park after school...", "She told me she like playing foot-ball."). The ideas are quite clear.

➤ The student uses a small range of vocabulary ("kind", "helpful"), sentence patterns ("We went to the park after school, then, we ate ice-cream together.") and cohesive devices ("and", "then") fairly appropriately with some grammatical mistakes ("She told me she like playing football.")



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Chi Lang & Eng Lang Reading & Listening

3CR1第4題 答案:「B」

Common misconceptions

The levels of BC are changing.

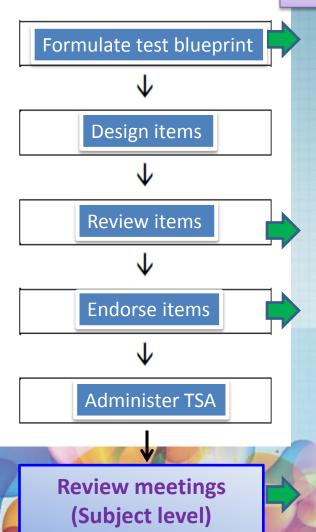
The difficulty level of sub-papers will affect the attainment rate.

TSA papers are getting more and more demanding!

The attainments rates can be calculated from the school percentages of correct responses.

Design of the TSA

Designed according to documents on Basic Competencies



Pretests were conducted in schools when drawing up "assessment blueprint" to determine text types, duration and number of assessment items. Schools sectors were also consulted on assessment duration.

TSA Moderation Committee is composed of academics from tertiary institutions, officers from EDB & HKEAA and serving teachers. Meetings are conducted regularly to ensure item quality and to endorse reviewed items. Assessment coverage across number of items and the duration of each sub-paper are also discussed.

Review meetings are conducted after release of TSA results each year to review the current year assessment items. The views are submitted to Moderation Committee for consideration.

Will the BC standards change if there is a change in the performance of students?

- To maintain the standards, a secure research test is used to link and equate students' performance across years so that the item difficulty indices in different years can be calibrated on the same scale.
- Hence, the BC standards set in the first year remains unchanged across the years.

Does the difficulty level of the sub-paper affect students' attainment rate?

- As each sub-paper includes overlapping items for equating purposes, a student's ability index can be estimated regardless of the difficulty of the subpapers.
- The responses from all students of all sub-papers are merged into a single data matrix from which the item difficulty indices and students' ability indices are estimated using psychometric methods.
- Hence, the measure of a student ability index is not affected by which sub-paper he/she attempts.

Facility and Attainment Rate

- Facility (答對率)
 - percentage of correct responses
- Attainment rate (達標率)
 - percentage of students achieving
 Basic Competency

Are the two related?

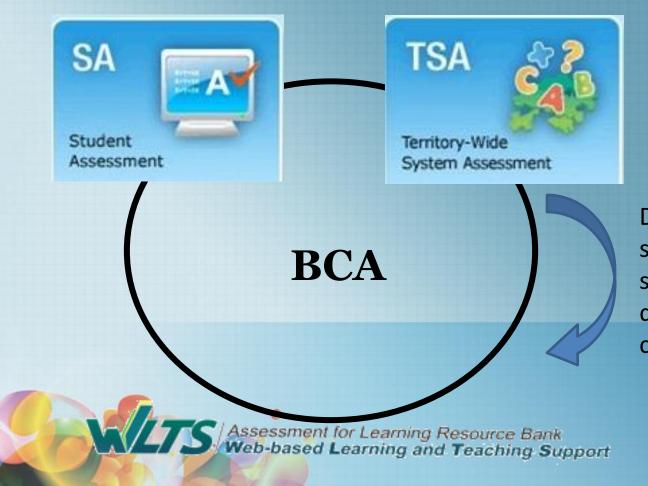
Facility and Attainment Rate

- The raw score involved in each sub-paper for attainment rate calculations is set by means of pyschometric computation. Others (including the EDB) have no access to such information.
- Even if one knows that raw score, one still cannot project the percentage of students' attainment rate from facility average.

Conclusion and recommendation:

Don't overplay the facility. Maximize the use of the item analysis report to inform learning and teaching.

Basic Competency Assessment (BCA) Project



Data-driven studies to identify students' learning difficulties and critical features

What does assessment data tell us?



TSA 2013 S3 English Listening Weaknesses

- deducing the meaning of unfamiliar words and expressions
- using personal experience and knowledge of the world
- making connections between ideas
- discriminating between intonation for a range of purposes
- listening for main ideas
- extracting specific information from unfamiliar topics
- understanding contextual clues

TSA 2013 S3 English Reading Weaknesses

- language features atmosphere
- using contextual clues
- identifying details that support a main idea
- making inferences
- working out the meaning of unknown words and expressions
- understanding the connection between ideas
- Identifying specific information

TSA 2013 S3 English Speaking Weaknesses

- Individual presentation:
 - Pronunciations e.g. voluntary, convenience
 - Lack of elaboration
 - Prompt dependent
 - Limited vocabulary
- Group discussion:
 - No eye contact
 - Poor turn-taking skills
 - Not active in participation
 - Lack of vocabulary

TSA 2013 S3 English Writing Weaknesses

- Content: lacked ideas or elaboration; prompt dependent
- Vocabulary/language pattern: simple or lacking in areas that students should be able to write about, e.g. sights in HK
- Sentence structure: simple
- Lack of understanding of audience, format, content and purpose of the writing
- Spelling mistakes were common, even in familiar words
- Proofreading was lacking

2013 9EW1 – Misspelling of topic vocabulary

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shark → shork, shake, sock, big fish
dangerous \rightarrow danger, dangers
happy → happing, happle
banner \rightarrow big card, sheet, paper
beach → bleach, barch
dish \rightarrow disk
principal → principle
loudspeaker → shouter
swim away from shark \rightarrow run away from shark
at 7 o'clock \rightarrow in 7 o'clock
chopstick > charstick
dim sum \rightarrow dia some
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2013 9EW2 - Misspelling of topic vocabulary

Examples of incorrect spelling/expressions

- ▶ furthermore → furtermore
- > prove my instead of approve my
- ▶ finally → finaly
- > In the otherhand instead of on the other hand
- \rightarrow chance \rightarrow chean
- ▶ help → holp
- ▶ hope → holp
- apply for a summary job



2013 9EW3 – Misspelling of topic vocabulary

Examples of incorrect spelling/expressions

- ♦ Use of how instead of what → how we can do to save our environment
- worser instead of worse/worsen
- ♦ by → bai
- ♦ because → becura
- ♦ planting → (copied incorrectly) palanting
- \star example \rightarrow exmple
- impossible → imporstble
- ⋄ global warming → goble warming/goble gases
- healthy > heavy



CASE STUDIES Using assessment diagnostically to inform learning and teaching

Research Studies: English Language

Key Stage / Topic	Project Name (Year)	Foc	us
KS1-3 / Reading	The Study of Using Assessment Data (Including TSA Data) to	l:	TSA item and data analysis + learning problem identification
(ELE – Phase I-IV)	Enhance Learning and Teaching (ELE – Phase I-IV) (08-09, 09, 09-10, 10-11)	II:	Empirical study to verify causes of learning problems
	(08-09, 09, 09-10, 10-11)	III:	Diagnostic assessment + teaching strategies & exemplars
		IV:	Action research + intervention strategies & exemplars



Research Studies: English Language

Key Stage / Topic	Project Name (Year)	Focus
KS3 / Speaking & Writing	The Study of Using Assessment Data (Including TSA Data) to Enhance the Learning and Teaching of Speaking and Writing at Key Stage 3 (11 – 12)	Authentic assessment data analysis + verifying key learning problems +
KS2-3 / Writing	Developing Support Tools for Using Assessment Data (Including TSA Data) to Enhance the Learning and Teaching of Writing at Key Stage 3 (12 – 13)	Writing ePlatform: Corpus-based error identification + differentiated instant feedback + concordancing support + metalinguistic awareness raising

Study of Using Assessment Data (Including TSA Data) to Enhance Learning and Teaching (ELE)

- An EDB commissioned research project with four phases (2008-2011)
- Principal Investigator:
 Dr Anthony KK Tong, University of Hong Kong
- Findings:
 The causes of reading difficulties include students' limited vocabulary sizes and text type knowledge, lack of reading skills to cope with harder items and lack of interest to process the reading texts.

The Lexical Bar

- A text for students' comprehension should not contain more than 5% of unknown words. (Nation, 2001, P. 146)
- Weaker students tend to have very small vocabulary sizes. Some weaker students whom we interviewed in a study did not know up to 10% of the text.

Source: Dr Anthony KK Tong (2009/10) Study of Using Assessment Data (Including TSA Data) to Enhance Learning and Teaching (English Language Education) – EDB commissioned research project.

How much vocabulary and how should it be learnt?

Key Stage	Stage Target	Cumulative Target		
KS1	1000	1000		
KS2	1000	2000		
KS3	1500	3500		
KS4	1500	5000		

Source: Dr Arthur McNeill, Enhancing the Effectiveness of English Vocabulary Learning and Teaching at Primary Level – CDI workshop 2007

- Find ways to expand students' vocabulary sizes. Repeated encounters of the target words are important.
- Teach vocabulary building skills explicitly. Devote more time and effort in vocabulary building work in the classroom.

WLTS units with a focus on vocabulary building skills

Word Formation (compound words, prefixes, suffixes)

KS2 Hong Kong Adventure 1-4

Word Association (synonyms, antonyms, homonyms)

KS2 Super Word Kid

Word Association (collocations)

KS3 Swim, Bike, Run, Three Times the Fun

[Coming soon]



A cluster of units focusing on compound words (Unit 1), prefixes (Unit 2), suffixes (Unit 3) and the application of word formation skills (Unit 4).

Online games

http://wlts.edb.hkedcity.net/en/english/ks2/reading/l3_r_5_p6bc.html

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ball	To: Christian Cheng < chrischeng@mail.com > From: Susan Cheng < susancheng@hongkong.com > Subject: We found the treasure!	
	Dear Grandpa, How are you? Pm sorry I have not written to you for a while. I was very busy. We found your treasure map and we had a fun and exciting adventure in Hong Kong! We followed the first hint and went to Hong Kong Park. It is the home of a big family of like birds and We helped the at the park to feed Pui Pui the Crocodile.	inexpensive
HONEY GOAL	Then, we took the tram to the Peak. The view of Victoria Harbour was wonderful. But the park on the was dirty. So we cleaned it up and threw the rubbish into bins. The third hint took us to Hong Kong We met Mickey Mouse and his friends Baby the Bear. He asked us to find his honey pot in the foggy forest. The forest was We had to run away from the dangerous animals.	

Each unit has an interactive game aiming at different word formation skills.

In story mode, learners can learn the skills in a meaningful context.

In practice mode, learners choose one of the skills they want to work on.

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Knowing More About Suffixes

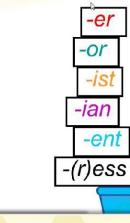
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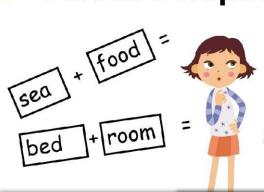
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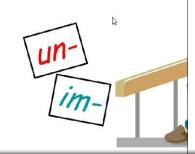
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-er -or -ist -ian 'person' or thing that does something

= cooker



word v

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time

safe



Un- is a prefix meaning

Can you think of mc

starting with the pr

cook + er



= actor act + or



ited

Un- is not a prefix here. The word only starts with t pian + ist = pianist



library + ian = librarian



PowerPoint tutorials with simple interactive activities are available for group or individual learning / consolidation.



Super Word Kid



What are Synonyms?

PPt tutorials for classroom use

Super Word Kid 1 A Superhero Was Born

One thing to note...

Some words have more than one meaning.

We call them *homonyms*.

With different meanings, they have different synonyms.

Introduction of homonyms:

To alert students that they cannot replace a word with any of its synonyms in a certain context.

great

Was Born

Meaning 1:

very big in size or number

Synonyms:

big, large, huge...

Meaning 2:

very important

Synonyms:

vital, serious

Meaning 3:

very good

Synonyms:

wonderful, excellent, cool, super, fantastic

Meaning 4:... Meaning 5:...

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Can you use any synonyms to replace the word *great* in this sentence?

Peter is a *great* football player.

Meaning 1: great → big in size
Peter is a big football player.



Meaning 2: great → very important Peter is a serious football player.

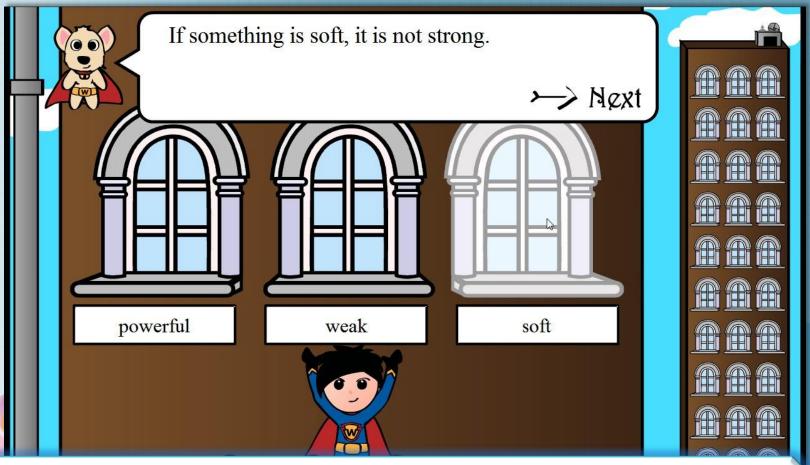


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Interactive games

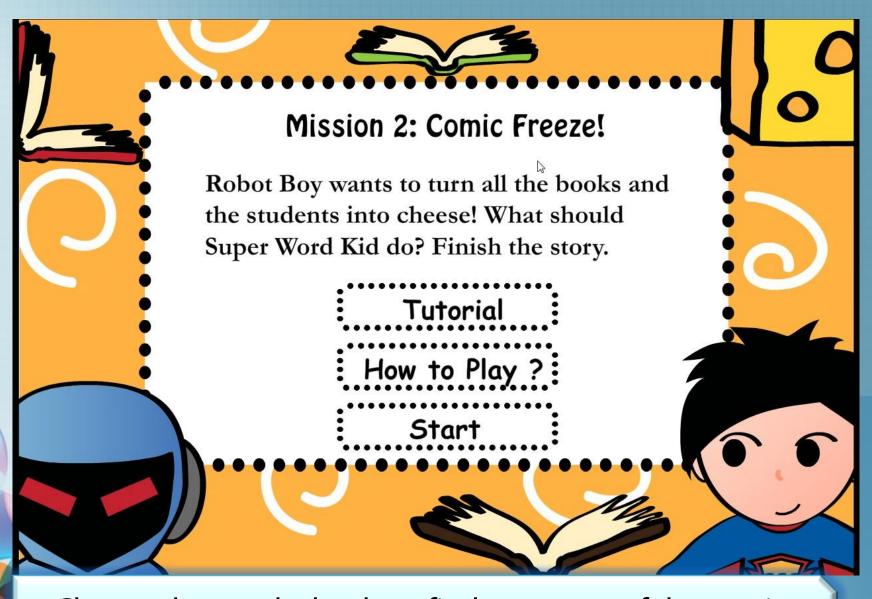


Mission 1: Library Break!



To climb up the building and to save the students held hostage at the Centre Library, players have to choose the correct synonyms of the provided words.





Choose the words that best fit the context of the comic strips to make sense of it.

Text Type Knowledge

- Many students were not aware of specific functions of the various structural elements in a text.
- More importantly, because of lacking in this knowledge, many of them often failed to comprehend the key message in a text.

Source: Dr Anthony KK Tong (2009/10) Study of Using Assessment Data (Including TSA Data) to Enhance Learning and Teaching (English Language Education) – EDB commissioned research project.



Welcome to Poemland

In this Poemland, you are going to learn about the language features of poems and understand the theme, meanings and feelings in the poem

Do you know what a poem is?



Working with the Text

Poem Reading: Here comes the poem. Listen to it carefully and then answer the questions

Lively Lou and Lazy Lynn (Anonymous)

Lively Lou and Lazy Lynn
Were each the other's identical twin
Each wore different colored clothes
But they weren't as different as some supposed...

Line 5 (End of the 1st stanza)

Lively Lou and Lazy Lynn
One went out and the other stayed in
One got up and the other sat down
One gave a smile and the other gave a frown

Line 9 (End of the 2nd stanza)

One made her bed and the other made a mess One wore jeans and the other wore a dress One liked jam and the other liked cheese Lazy Lynn and her twin Louise

Line 13 (End of the 3rd stanza)

But sometimes just to cause confusion
They'd carry out a small illusion:
Lou stayed in and out went Lynn
Lou was quiet and Lynn made a din
Lou covered her ears when Lynn played "Chin Chin"

Line 18 (End of the 4th stanza)

Is Lynn Lou or is Lou Lynn? Who knows Which one is wearing which one's clothes? So, when someone commits a little sin ... Well. No one knows which identical twin!

Line 22 (End of the 5th stanza)



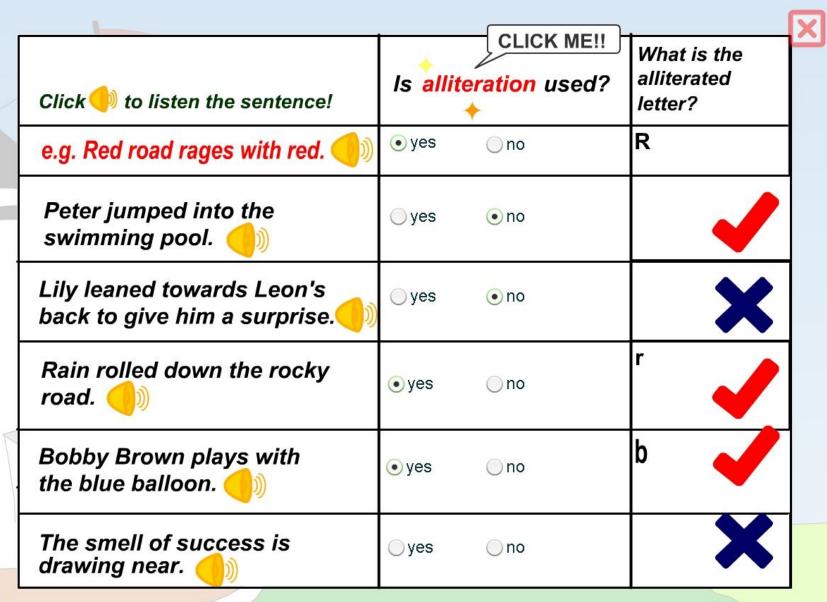


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Drag the correct rhyming words in the bubble to the appropriate blanks in the following table. Click to listen their sounds.

	Man	Song	Stay	Tree	Tall	Care	Flame
Rhyming Words	Land	Along	Play	Free	Ball	There	Game







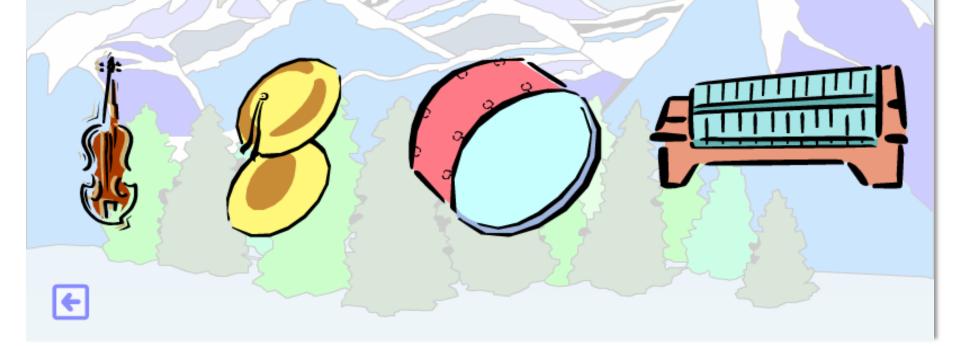






Onomatopoeia: What musical instrument is represented by the blue onomatopoeic words? Click for the correct answer.

But sometimes just to cause confusion
They'd carry out a small illusion:
Lou stayed in and out went Lynn
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Lou covered her ears when Lynn played "Chin Chin"



Examples of WLTS tasks addressing the learning problems identified



Finding a particular word

Choosing the correct meaning

Finding words of similar meanings

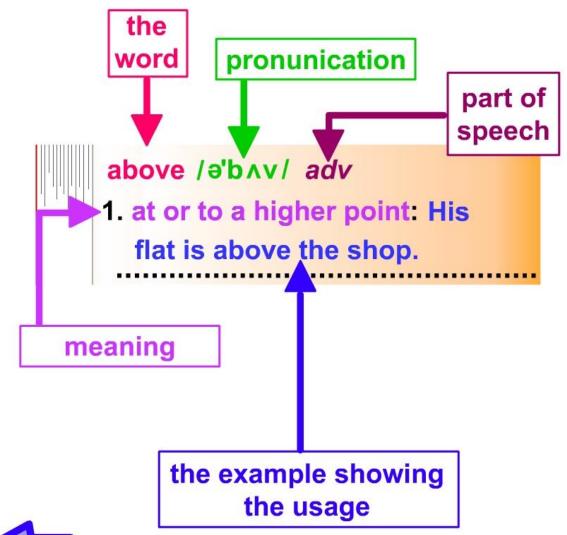
Making word cards

Making a word bank

Evaluation



How do you find the pronunication, meaning, grammar and usage of a particular word?







Interviewing Mr Hall





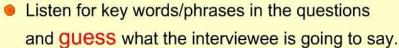






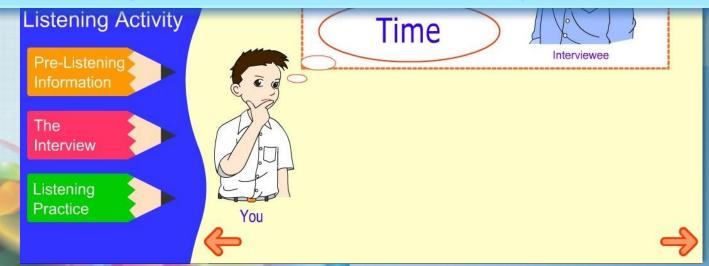








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KS2 (P.4-P.6) Basic Competencies

■ Listening

L3-L-1-P6BC -

Discriminating between words with a range of vowel and consonant sounds

L4-L-2-P6BC -

Understanding the use of a small range of language features in simple literary / imaginative spoken texts

L4-L-3-P6BC -

Using a range of strategies to understand the meaning of simple texts on familiar topics which are delivered clearly in familiar accents

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking

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Learners' Possible Problems and Suggested Follow-up Actions

SEARCH AGAIN

Follow-up Materials Related Module Other Resources

Follow-up Materials

Learners' possible problem(s) (for reference only)

- Mearners are not able to use a range of strategies to understand simple instructions and guestions related to familiar contexts.
- Learners are not able to listen for gist / main ideas in short conversations.
- Learners are not able to discriminate between intonations for various purposes.
- Learners are not able to identify key words / extract specific information.
- Learners have difficulties in understanding the connection between ideas (by identifying cohesive devices).

Suggestions for Follow-up Actions

Learning Unit

Problem addressed (see above) Suggested duration (minutes)

For Students' Self-





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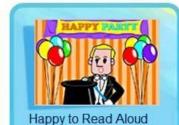


















Writing ePlatform

The Writing ePlatform provides instant informing feedback to assist Key Stage 3 students writing, allowing students to take a discovery-based approach to accurate and fluent English.

At this initial stage, the feedback focuses on common writing problems, especially for low achievers.

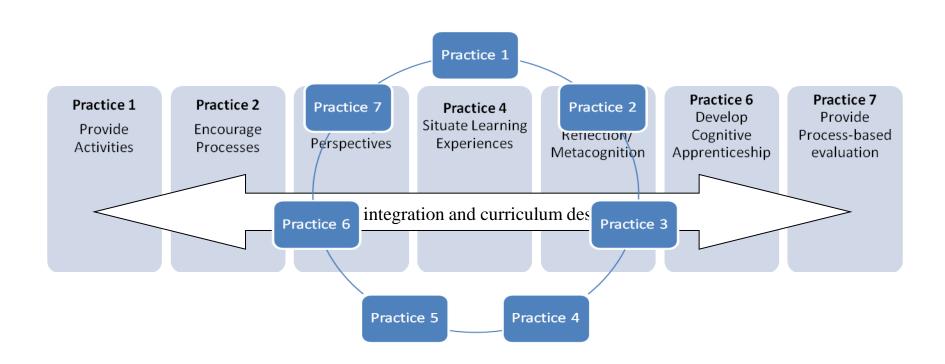


Rationale: Assessment of, for, and as Learning

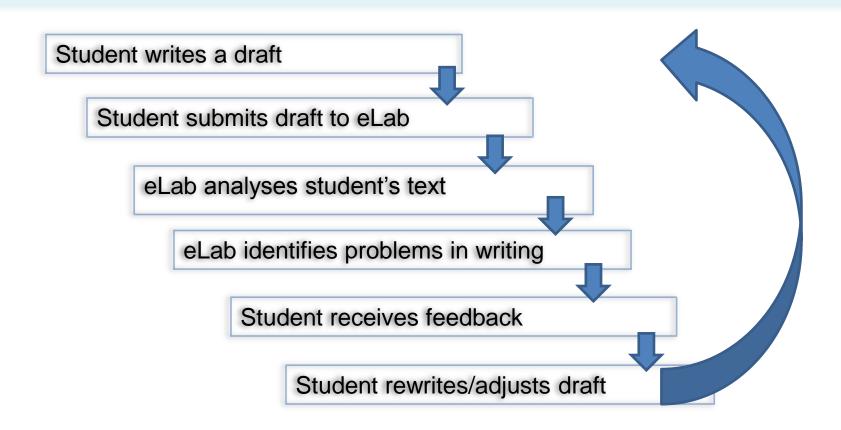
Approach	Purpose	Reference Points	Key Assessor	
Assessment <i>of</i> Learning	Judgments about placement, promotion, credentials, etc.	Other students	Teacher	
Assessment <i>for</i> Learning	Information for teachers' instructional	External standards or expectations	Teacher	
Assessment <i>as</i> Learning	decisions Self-monitoring and self-correction or adjustment	Personal goals and external standards	Student	

Assessment As Learning (Earl, 2003)

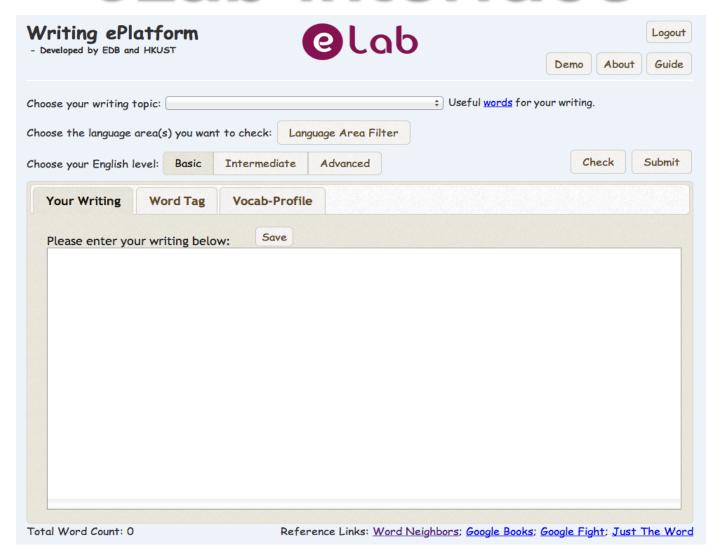
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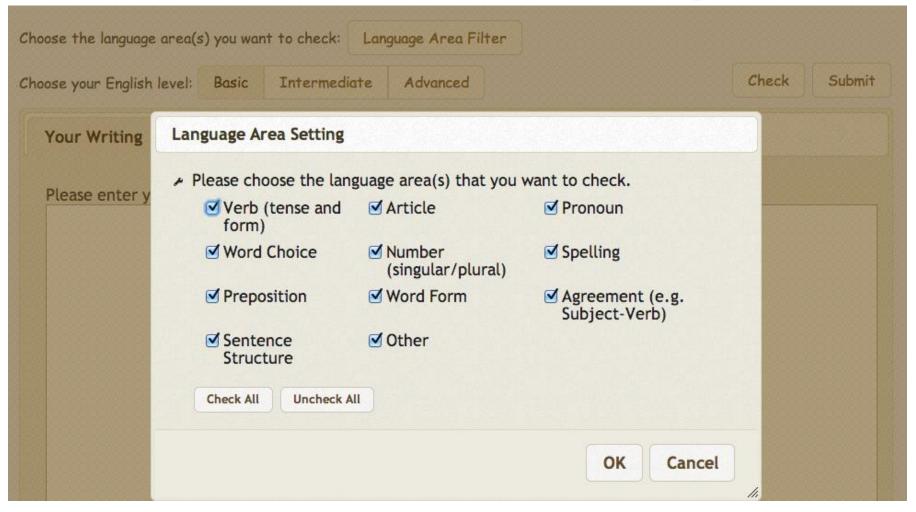
CLab and the writing process



eLab interface



CLab & flexibility



CLab & rich interactive

Choose the language area(s) you want to ch Use Word Neighbors to look for examples of how "although" and "but" are used by native writers of Check Submit Choose your English level: Inte Basic English. Although it looked like a high-class hotel but I Your Writing **Word Tag** Voi only paid fifty-five dollars to stay there. It looked like a high-class hotel but I only paid fifty-five dollars to stay there. Please enter your writing below: Although I like it, but it is not Although the food was not great but I felt very X happy that I was able to cook the meal by myself. Although the food was not great, I felt very happy that I was able to cook the meal by myself. Although you want to eat quickly when you are hungry but you should eat slowly so that you can judge more easily when you have had enough. Although you want to eat quickly when you are hungry, you should eat slowly so that you can judge more easily when you have had enough.

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Choose your writing topic: An enjoyable trip				▼ Useful <u>words</u>	for your writing.	
Choose the language are	ea(s) you want	to check: Langu	age Area Filter			
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Your Writing	Word Tag	Vocab-Profile	P			
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Your Writing

Word Tag

Vocab-Profile

The vocab-profile shows you the range of vocabulary that you are using in your text. As you progress in your writing, keep track of the vocabulary that you use. Expanding your vocabulary beyond the Key Stage 1 and 2 word lists will allow you to write more about your topic.

Please go <u>here</u> to see a list of words related to the topic you are writing. Using these words would give you more flexibility in writing.

Please go <u>here</u> to learn more about important vocabulary building skills through the Web-based Learning and Teaching Support resource that provides self-learning materials, interactive activities, online games, etc.

	Percent
KS1 Words:	71%
KS2 Words:	8%
KS3 Words:	2%
KS1 + KS2 + KS3	(81%)
Common Words:	3%
Rare/Foreign Words:	16%
Total:	100%

an enjoyable trip there was a amazing and enjoyable trip on last summer holiday i rememered that my family and i went to hong kong that was the first time i went to hong kong hong kong is famous in the food shopping and the night view firstly we went to mon kok to have some tasty food such as curry fishball they were as delicious as what we could have in mainland china also the service of the shop were good the seller were very nice to us secondly we went shopping that was amazing that we could buy many different kind of thing there every of them were pretty good although we bought a lot of eletronic production and souvenirs we did not pay a lot of money lastly we went to the seaside and watched the view it was unforgettable because it was beautiful that we could not see in mainland china despite we only stayed for a few days we found that hong kong was a good city for buying eating and enjoying i

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Word⇔Neighbors

NOTE: The division of words into classes (e.g. noun, verb, etc.) by a computer program is NEVER 100% accurate. The classification given here is a close approximation of the characteristic ways that the word behaves. However, you must use your **human judgment** in deciding the class of the word!

	Search results for although (CONJ)	Text Type
1	Although concentrating on the Classical period, the tour will also cover some of the buildings of Christian Romemore	Advertisements BNC-HCP
2	Although management was not specifically aware of it, Mr. Compton's previous changes -AMP and competencies was an attempt to change the management culture prior to reengineeringmore	Articles & Reports (Business & Administration)
3	Although he does get the chance to accuse his former master, Falkland, of having committed a murder and of having shifted the blame and punishment onto an innocent tenant farmer, the legal system continues to operate as it has throughoutmore	Articles & Reports (General) 60.4handwerk.TXT
4	Although Spacks is mainly concerned with fiction, in Leapor's poetry a reader is often drawn into such a relationship with the poet, and into the privileged society of her closest friendsmore	Articles & Reports (Humanities & Social Science) BNC-AN4
5	For example, although Microsoft Excel can not replicate a database, it can update a database replicated by another productmore	Articles & Reports (Instructions) REPJET.TXT
6	Furthermore, although the panel was unaware of it, the Commission joined with the debtor in bankruptcy in moving to vacate the decision in Telseymore	Articles & Reports (Law) case 12.txt
7	Although the tags will point to the required record addresses directly, accessing or retrieving these synonyms requires a head movement of at least one cylindermore	Articles & Reports (Science & Engineering) ENC-FPG
8	Although Batty's been missed, Fairclough can provide a John Wark-like threat in the opposition boxmore	Correspondence BNC-JIC
9	It might even be possible to scare him into silence, although when he was brought to Owen's office in the early hours of the morning that did not seem very likelymore	Fiction (Prose) BNC-HTX
10	Although large areas of grassland still remain on unploughable slopes, particularly on the north-facing scarp, they have largely changed in charactermore	Miscellaneous Text BNC-B31



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🔏 Article Errors

(Click here to see hints and tips on avoiding article errors)

These are common errors made by Hong Kong students. Click on the links below to see more information on particular errors.

- (Determiner) + another
- (Noun) is (noun)
- (Proper noun) is (noun)
- A (word that starts with a vowel)
- After the (holiday)
- After the (mealtime)
- Amount
- An (word that starts with a consonant)
- An advice
- · Each of (plural noun)
- · Go to the bed
- Have a (mealtime)
- Hundred dollars
- In (initialised place name)

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Common Errors by Error Category

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Agreement

(e.g. Subject-Verb) Click here for hints and tips

Article

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Number

(Singular/Plural) ick here for hints and tips

(Tense & Form) ick here for hints and tips

Preposition

Click here for hints and tips

Pronoun

Verb

Click here for hints and tips

Spelling Click here for hints and tips

Word Choice Click here for hints and tips

Word Form

Sentence Structure Click here for hints and tips

Other













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Common Errors Explained in Cartoons



Hah? Is there anything wrong with my grammar?





Replay

should say
CONCERNED
my grammar"!







Amount

Besides



Boring









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💢 Links to Useful Tools to Use When Writing

Word Neighbors

<u>Word Neighbors</u> lets you search for examples of authentic English sentences. Click <u>here</u> to see a tutorial on how to use Word Neighbors.



Access the rich bank of English language learning materials in the <u>Web-based Learning and Teaching Support (WLTS)</u>.

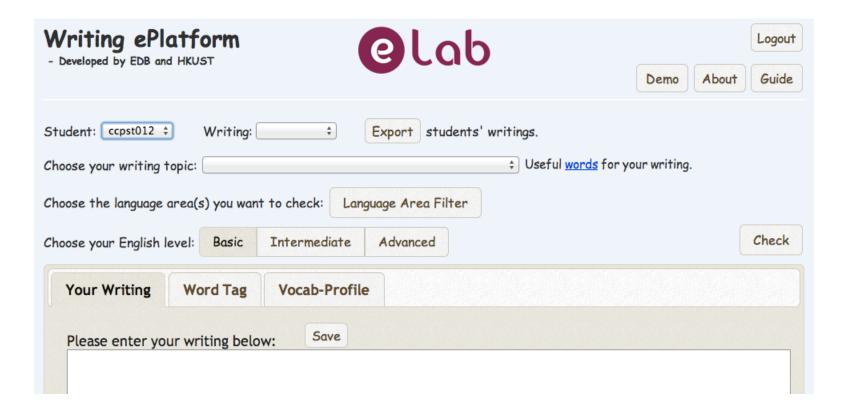


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Assessment for learning

How will the ePlatform enable/enhance formative assessment?

How can the ePlatform provide assistance as part of/during the assessment?

In what ways could the ePlatform assist teachers with collecting data so that they can modify the learning work for their students?



Looking forward

To better align learning, teaching and assessment



