



**STAR™**  
Reading

# Pretest Instructions— Enterprise Assessment

It is extremely important that you follow standard testing procedures when you administer the STAR Reading Enterprise™ test to your students. Before you begin testing, please check the following:

- ☐ Explain the test to your students. The Pretest Instructions will walk you through a basic orientation with your students.
- ☐ Cover or remove any materials on the walls, whiteboard, and other areas that might help students answer the test items.
- ☐ Make sure there is enough light and ventilation in the test area.
- ☐ Make sure the area is free from noise. Try to avoid distracting locations or times when other students, school bells, or public address announcements can interfere with student concentration.
- ☐ If you are administering the test with an iPad®:
  - ☐ Make sure the battery is adequately charged before you begin.
  - ☐ Make sure you are successfully connected to Renaissance Place™ (using the URL or RPID™—see the *STAR Reading Software Manual* for more information).



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**Teachers:** Please read these instructions to your students before they take the STAR Reading Enterprise test. (You can use the enclosed materials to make handouts if you think it will help your students understand the test format.) Read each section aloud exactly as it is printed so that students know what to expect at each stage of the test.

Although you can administer a STAR Reading Enterprise test on an iPad® using a web browser, you also have the option of using STAR Apps on iPad®. Throughout these instructions, if you are using a web browser on the iPad® instead of STAR Apps on iPad®, follow the instructions for testing with a web browser. (See the *STAR Reading Software Manual* for more information about using STAR Apps on iPad®.)

Only students with assigned grades from K–12 will be allowed to take the test. Please note that in general, only students who have a reading vocabulary of at least 100 words should take the STAR Reading Enterprise test. (In other words, the student should have at least beginning reading skills.) Practically, students who can work through the practice questions unassisted should be able to take the STAR Reading Enterprise test.

**Read to Students:** “You are going to take a test called STAR Reading Enterprise. It is a reading test that has fill-in-the blank and short-answer questions. You will answer 34 questions on a computer. It will take about sixteen minutes to answer all of the questions.

“Do not worry if someone finishes the test before you because every test is different. Do not worry about how many questions you think you get right, or how many you think you get wrong. Everyone will probably miss some of the questions. The main goal is for you to do the best you can.”

## Picture 1

Fill-in-the-blank questions have a sentence with a word missing. There will be a list of three or four words that could fit in the blank. Your job is to choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The screenshot shows a web browser interface for a STAR Reading test. At the top, it says "3" and "Kenneth Dukes" with a "Stop Test" button. The question is: "The sky is \_\_\_\_." Below the question are three numbered options: 1 blue, 2 dog, and 3 down.

Web browser

The screenshot shows the STAR Apps on iPad interface for a STAR Reading test. At the top, it says "1" and "Anthony Jacobson". The question is: "I left the door open, so it's my \_\_\_\_ the dog ran in." Below the question are four numbered options: 1 gift, 2 fault, 3 act, and 4 idea.

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Short-answer questions have a text passage at the top, followed by a question about the passage. There will be a list of three or four possible answers. Your job is to choose the best answer to the question.

The screenshot shows a web browser interface for a STAR Reading test. At the top, it says "12/34" and "Kenneth Dukes" with a "Stop Test" button. The text passage reads: "Leslie curled up in a chair on the porch. She closed her eyes and tuned into her surroundings. She smiled at the familiar sounds of her neighbor rustling his newspaper and the floorboards creaking beneath his rocker. She laughed as the neighborhood boys raced by on their bicycles. The rat-a-tat-tat of the cards pinned to the spokes of their wheels added a beat to the music of the street." Below the passage is the question: "How does the author's use of sensory detail affect the story?" and three numbered options: 1 The sounds help the reader imagine the neighborhood, 2 The music is too loud and bothers Leslie, and 3 The creaking noises give it a mysterious mood.

Web browser

The screenshot shows the STAR Apps on iPad interface for a STAR Reading test. At the top, it says "11/34" and "Ken Singleton". The text passage reads: "Alan has a great job. He shows fathers how to cook with their children. He visits them in their homes. Before Alan leaves a home, he gives the father a cookbook for his children." Below the passage is the question: "What is Alan's job?" and three numbered options: 1 He shows children how to cook, 2 He shows children at school how to cook, and 3 He shows fathers how to cook with their children.

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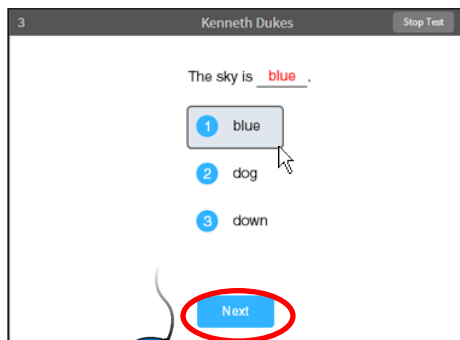
## Picture 2

Choosing your answer is easy. Use any of these methods to choose and enter your answer. (You can change your answer choice *before* you enter it.) Each possible answer has a number next to it (**1, 2, 3, or 4**).

To answer with the **keyboard**, press the number that matches the number of your answer choice. Then, enter your answer choice by pressing **Enter** or **return**.



To answer with the **mouse**, click on your answer choice using the left mouse button. Then, enter your answer choice by clicking **Next** on the screen.



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On an iPad®, tap your answer choice. Then, enter your answer choice by tapping **Next**.

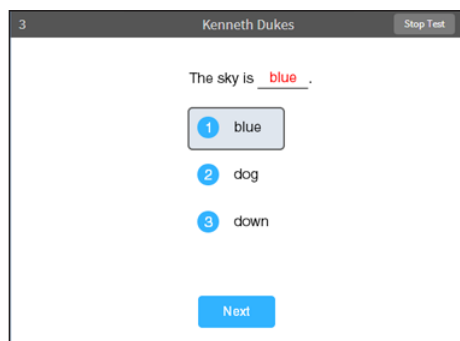


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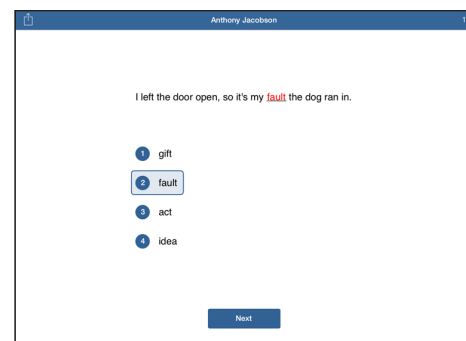
## Picture 3

When you choose an answer, a blue highlight will appear around it (as shown). This only shows you which answer you selected. It does **not** mean that you selected the correct answer. For fill-in-the-blank questions, the program also puts the word you picked in the blank so you can see how it fits in the sentence.

To change your answer, press the number of your new answer choice, click on it with the mouse, or tap it (if you are using an iPad®). The program will highlight your new choice and fill in the blank with the word so you can see it in the sentence. **You cannot change your answer after you press *Enter* or *return*, or click or tap *Next*.**



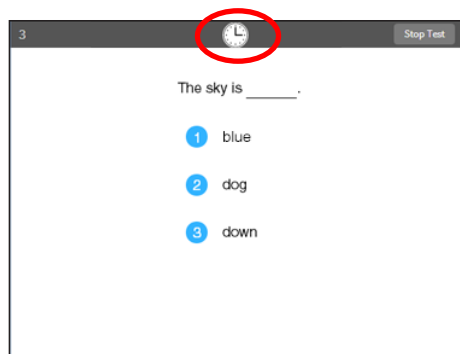
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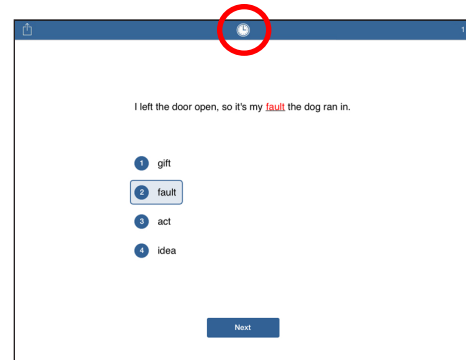
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### Picture 4

If you see a picture of a clock at the top of the screen, time is almost up for that question. Choose your answer quickly. If you don't choose an answer in time, you will see a message that says time is up for that question. The next question will come up in a few seconds, so be ready.



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### Picture 5

Before you take the test, you may get some practice questions. The practice questions look just like the real test. If you see this message when you are answering the practice questions, you should raise your hand and call the teacher or test monitor. He or she will know what to do.

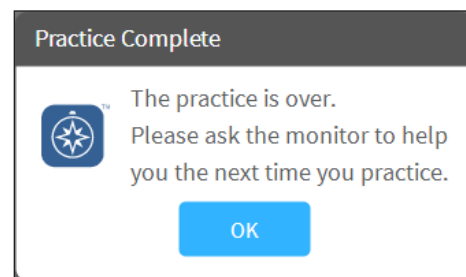
When you finish answering the practice questions, the program will show you this message: "Great job on the practice. Let's go to the test." The test will start automatically. Relax and get ready; the first question will come up soon. Keep answering the questions until the computer tells you that you have finished the test.

If you don't know the answer to a question, go ahead and choose what you think is the best answer.

When you have finished the test, tell the teacher or test monitor that you are finished so the next student can get started.

If you have any questions about this test, please ask them now. Once the test starts, the teacher or test monitor will **not** be able to explain any of the words to you or tell you if you have picked the right answer.

**Have fun, and do your best!**



## Picture 1

This is what the fill-in-the-blank test questions look like.

3 Kenneth Dukes Stop Test

The sky is \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 blue
- 2 dog
- 3 down

Web browser

Anthony Jacobson 1

I left the door open, so it's my \_\_\_\_ the dog ran in.

- 1 gift
- 2 fault
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This is what the short-answer test questions look like.

12/34 Kenneth Dukes Stop Test

Leslie curled up in a chair on the porch. She closed her eyes and tuned into her surroundings. She smiled at the familiar sounds of her neighbor rustling his newspaper and the floorboards creaking beneath his rocker. She laughed as the neighborhood boys raced by on their bicycles. The rat-a-tat-tat of the cards pinned to the spokes of their wheels added a beat to the music of the street.

How does the author's use of sensory detail affect the story?

- 1 The sounds help the reader imagine the neighborhood.
- 2 The music is too loud and bothers Leslie.
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Ken Singleton 11/34

Alan has a great job. He shows fathers how to cook with their children. He visits them in their homes. Before Alan leaves a home, he gives the father a cookbook for his children.

What is Alan's job?

- 1 He shows children how to cook.
- 2 He shows children at school how to cook.
- 3 He shows fathers how to cook with their children.

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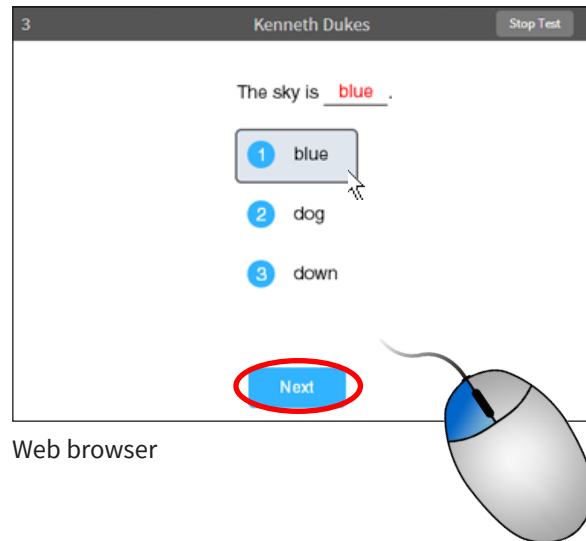
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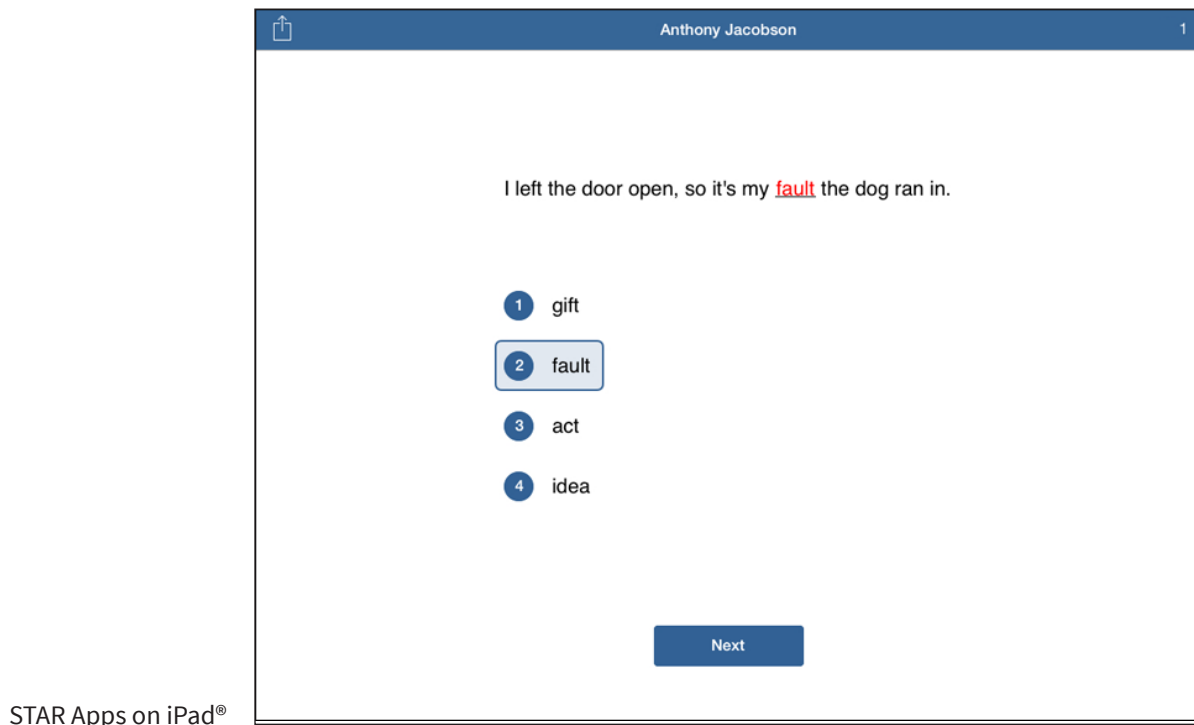
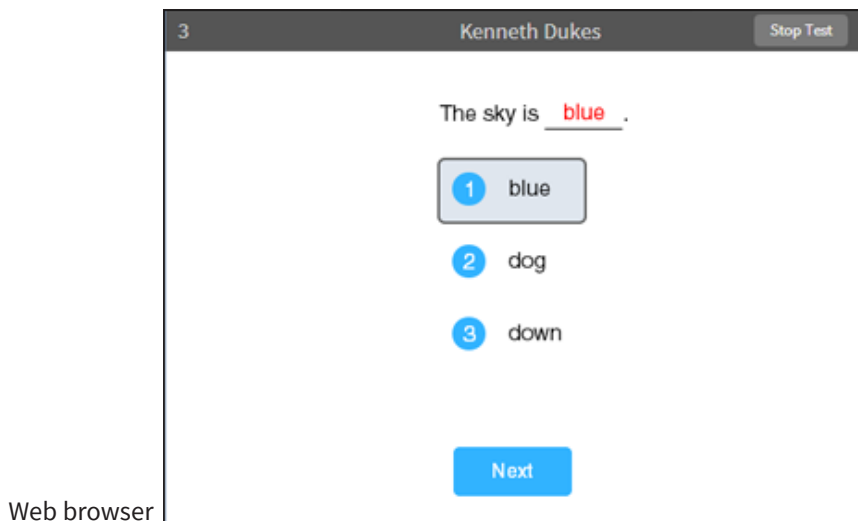
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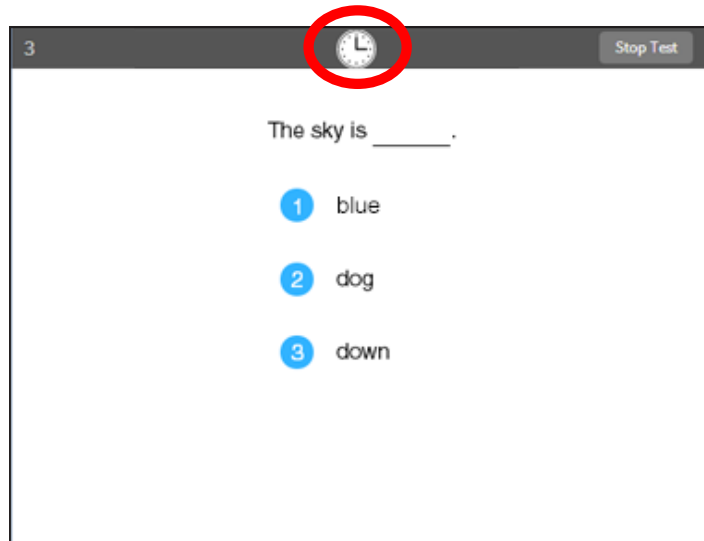
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When you choose an answer, you'll see a blue highlight around your choice. (For fill-in-the-blank questions, you'll also see the word put in the blank.) This shows the answer you chose. It does *not* mean that you have selected the correct answer.

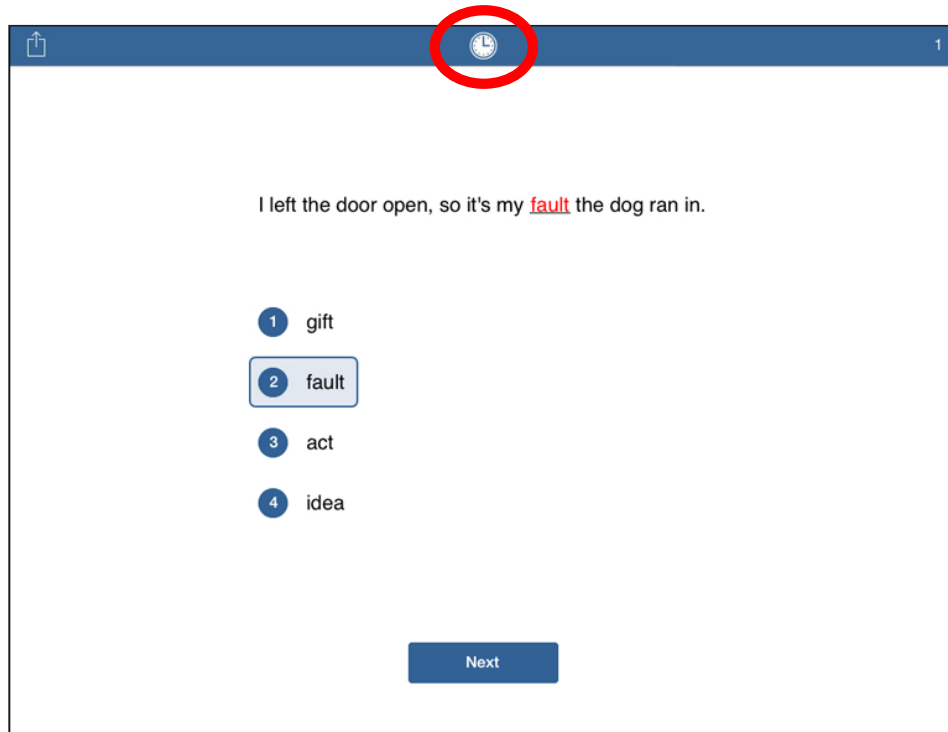


### Picture 4

A clock in the top part of the screen means that time is almost up for this question. Choose your answer quickly.



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**Picture 5**

If you see this message during the practice, raise your hand and ask the teacher or test monitor for help.

