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LANGUAGE USAGE

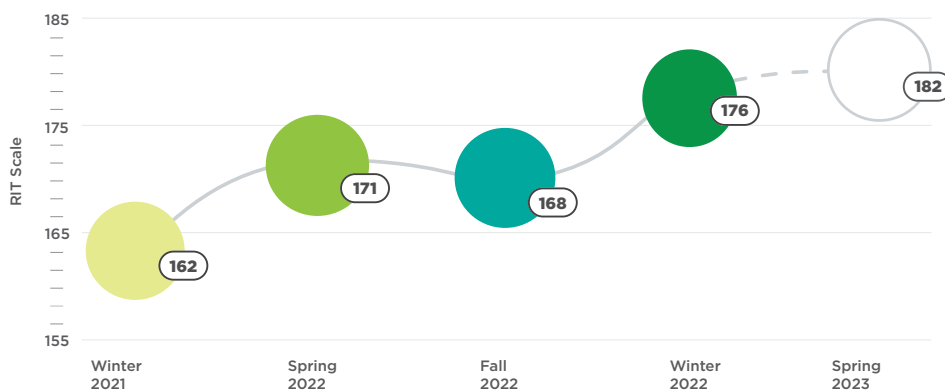## The precise way to measure achievement and growth

MAP® Growth™ Language Usage is an interim adaptive test that accurately measures student achievement and growth in grammar, mechanics, and elements of writing for students in grades 2–12.

See growth over time

MAP Growth Language Usage reveals how much academic growth has occurred between testing events. When combined with MAP Growth Norms—a percentile that helps educators determine how a student's growth compares to similar students—educators can track growth through the school year and over multiple years.

Answer important questions like:

- Is each student growing academically?

- How does a student's achievement and growth compare to students across the nation?

Get actionable insights with MAP Growth reports

Easy-to-use reports help you quickly access essential insights about student understanding and unfinished learning. Reports provide overall RIT scores as well as instructional area scores that give immediate insight into students' instructional levels. With MAP Growth reporting, you can:

- Measure achievement and growth over time

- Use exclusive norms to compare student achievement and growth over time to comparable students across the United States

- Evaluate language usage–related programs and interventions

- Identify professional development needs

- Inform instructional planning using valid, reliable, and actionable data

Make data-driven decisions

Inform resource allocation: Administrators use MAP Growth assessment data to determine program and resource needs, as well as to help figure out where scarce resources should be allocated in order to help the most students.

Identify students in need: Instructional support staff use precise assessment data from MAP Growth to help identify students who may need intensified support or who could benefit from additional assessment.

Focus instructional planning: Teachers use MAP Growth data to identify common opportunity areas for students and to inform adjustments to instructional plans at the term and unit level.

Understand your student's language skills in more depth

The MAP Growth reading test provides a wealth of information when used by itself. However, when used in conjunction with the MAP Growth language usage test, an entirely new set of insights are unlocked.

- Do you have students with high reading scores and lower language usage scores who may need additional help understanding the structure and framework of language to maximize their learning growth?

- Do you have students with high language usage scores and lower reading scores who possess knowledge around how language is structured but need help learning how to gather meaning from text?

Understanding the full scope of your students' language abilities will help you better identify what areas they need the most support in and provide the confidence you need to make strong instructional planning decisions.

Continuous improvement for equitable assessments

The item pool for the MAP Growth Language Usage test undergoes ongoing reviews to ensure that all students are provided with an equitable assessment experience. Recent actions taken to continue to improve in this area are:

- A review of over 440 spelling items to apply the proper phrase tagging that enables screen readers and braille machines to properly display information to students with special accommodations

- A bias, sensitivity, and fairness (BSF) audit of the item bank to ensure that assessment-related construct-irrelevant variables (CIV) do not stand in the way of students demonstrating their knowledge

- Ongoing efforts to ensure that item RIT calibration levels remain constant over time, ensuring a strong and stable RIT scale to support longitudinal analysis

- New item development to help ensure the content reflects the diverse identities of the students we support

ACCESSIBILITY & UNIVERSAL FEATURES

Magnification, screen reader (JAWS) compatible (grades 2–12)

Refreshable braille (grades 2–12)

Keyboard navigation

Color contrast adjustment

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Text-to-speech (grades 2–12)

WCAG (grades 2–12)

Alternative text descriptions for images (grades 2–12)

RELIABLE TECHNOLOGY

Our online assessment platform is compatible with most popular operating systems, browsers, and devices—including iPads® and Chromebooks®. Because the assessment platform is stable, scalable, and reliable, schools can test on a schedule that meets their needs.

DRIVE GROWTH WITH A STRONG ACTIVATION PLAN

Designed to replicate best practices from our most successful partner schools and districts, our recommended MAP Growth activation plan helps educators tackle common instructional challenges.

This activation plan includes a comprehensive guided implementation process, professional learning experiences that hone assessment literacy and instructional planning, and data conversations with assessment experts that provide educators with an expert review of district-level data and suggested next steps.

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