Domain Information Sheet
Initial ELPAC

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SPEAKING DOMAIN

Purpose

These task types allow students to show their abilities in speaking in English. All task types have a primary and secondary alignment to the 2012 English Language Development standards.

Administration

Administered individually to all grade levels K*–12.

Task Types and Descriptions

Talk About a Scene

Grades K–12:
The student is presented with an illustration of a familiar scene. The test examiner first asks three who, what, when type questions about the scene. The test examiner then administers three items intended to generate longer responses.

Speech Functions

Grades 3–12:
The student states what they would say in a situation described by the test examiner.

Support an Opinion

Grade K:
The student listens to a presentation about two activities, events, materials, or objects, and is asked to give an opinion about why one is better than the other. In grades K–5, students view a picture of the choices for context and support.

Retell a Narrative

Grades K–2:
The student listens to a story that follows a series of pictures, and then the student uses pictures to retell the story.

Summarize an Academic Presentation

Grades 1–2:
The student listens to an academic presentation while looking at a related picture(s). The student is prompted to summarize the main points using the illustration(s) and key terms, if provided.

Grades 3–12:
The student listens to a recording of an academic presentation while looking at a related picture(s). The student is prompted to summarize the main points using the illustration(s) and key terms, if provided.

*Kindergarten includes year one of a two-year kindergarten program, which is often referred to as "transitional kindergarten."