

Understanding the New Assessments



PTA Community Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Agenda

- Overview of Testing Changes
- Sample items
- What we're doing
- Resources

The New Test

Measurement of Student Progress (**MSP**)



Smarter Balanced Assessment
Consortium (**SBAC**)

Changes to the state test

Before: MSP

- Aligned to WA Stds
- Paper/pencil
- Standardized
- Results in August
- Writing assessed in 4th Grade

Now: SBAC

- Aligned to Common Core State Stds
- Computer-based
- Adaptive
- Increased complexity
- Results in spring
- Performance tasks
- Writing assessed in all grades

Tests Required

- **All 3-5th Grade Students**
 - English/Language Arts: March 9 – April 23
 - Math: March 9 – May 29
- **5th Grade only**
 - Science (MSP) – May 12

MSP Item – 3rd Grade

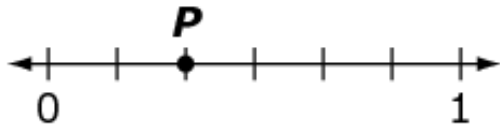
- Which fraction is equivalent to $\frac{1}{3}$?
 - A. $\frac{3}{1}$
 - B. $\frac{2}{6}$
 - C. $\frac{3}{4}$
 - D. $\frac{6}{9}$

SBAC Item

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Look at point P on the number line.

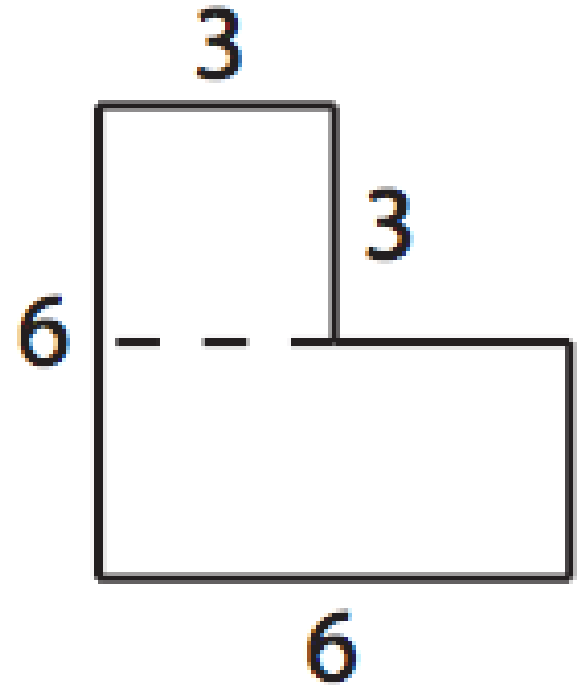
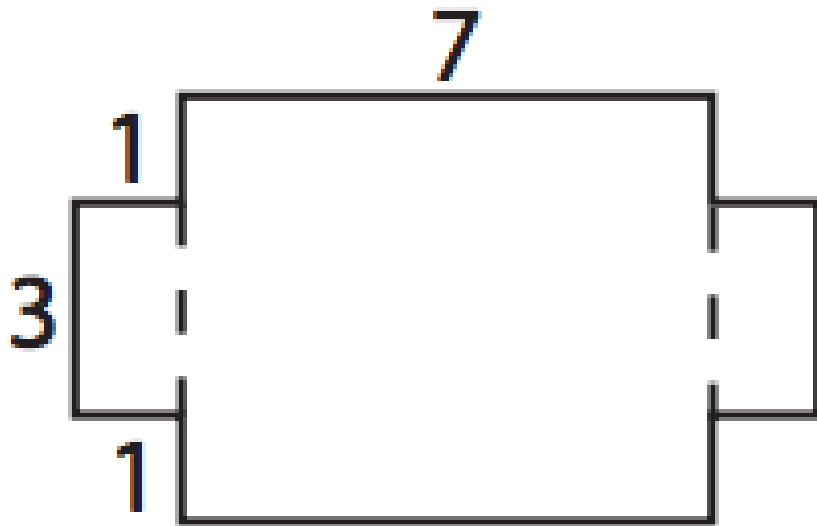


Look at number lines A – E. Is the point on each number line equal to the number shown by P ? Choose Yes or No.

- A.**
0 1 Yes No
- B.**
0 1 Yes No
- C.**
0 1 Yes No
- D.**
0 1 Yes No
- E.**
0 1 Yes No

MSP Item – 4th Grade

Find the area of each figure:



SBAC Item

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A rectangle is 6 feet long and has a perimeter of 20 feet.

What is the width of this rectangle? Explain how you solved this problem.

MSP Item – 4th Reading

What is the meaning of the term *wading birds* in paragraph 2 of the selection?

- A. Birds that walk in the water
- B. Birds that are four feet tall
- C. Birds that eat only fish

SBAC Item – 4th Reading

Read the sentences from the passage. Then answer the question.

“My grandma pulled the ball out, unwrapped it, and held it out for us to see. The ball was scarred almost beyond recognition. It had dog bite marks, dirt scuffs, and fraying seams. Right in the middle was a big signature in black ink that I had somehow overlooked. It was smudged now and faded, but it still clearly said ‘Babe Ruth.’ I began to shake inside.”

Click on two phrases from the paragraph that help you understand the meaning of scarred.

What Graham Hill is doing

- Increased time in computer lab
- Amplify Interim Benchmarks
 - 3x per year (Sept, Nov, Feb)
 - Reading & Math
- Planning using Common Core
- Use of Quick Checks

3rd Grade ELA Requirement

- Parent-Principal conference for any 3rd grade student receiving a "1" on the ELA portion of SBAC.
- Conferences occur before year-end

Resources

- Practice items:
 - www.smarterbalanced.org
- Common Core State Standards
 - www.corestandards.org
- Keyboarding Practice
 - www.typingagent.com