The PARCC Sample Items are provided as an opportunity for students to practice taking the computer-based PARCC assessments in math and English language arts. Students can engage with simple interactions and technology-enhanced items such as drag and drop, multiple select, calculator and text highlighting.

The PARCC Sample Items are different from the PARCC Practice Test. The Sample Items offer a brief overview of the PARCC assessments and do not generate a score.

The PARCC Practice Test was developed so that all students can experience PARCC test items the way they will appear on the actual tests. The PARCC Practice Test is lengthier than the Sample Items and will provide the test taker with a score.

More than half of the schools in Illinois will administer the PARCC assessments online. Other schools will administer the same test in a paper-based format until the time that technology infrastructure is upgraded in Illinois.

**MINI-PARCC: HOW TO TAKE THE PARCC SAMPLE ITEMS**


2. From this page, select a grade level, perhaps the Grades 3-5 Item Sets. Select either the Grade 3-5 ELA Item Set or Grades 3-5 Math Item Set.

3. Once your selection is made, you will see the headline, “Welcome! You are about to start a test.” Under that headline and to the right, click on the button that says, “Start Test Now.”

4. You will now see Grade 3-5 ELA Sample Items. Click on the blue button that says, “Start Session,” and your test will appear.

5. Answer as many or as few questions as you would like within the time allotted. Note: The blue arrow at upper left of screen advances to next question.

6. No score will be issued for the Sample Items.

To take a PARCC Practice Test at home and earn a score, go to [http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/](http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/).