IXL’s Real-Time Diagnostic
GUIDANCE FOR TEACHERS

IXL allows you to quickly assess your students’ grade-level proficiency in math and English language arts! The IXL Real-Time Diagnostic provides insights that can help you:

- Get data that you normally receive from state assessments
- Help determine student placement in programs
- Keep students on track with individualized learning plans

Getting started is easy!
It only takes students about 45 minutes to get full diagnostic stats in one subject. Students can do this all in one sitting, or they can spread it out over the course of a few sessions, which makes it easy to fit into your lesson plans.

STEP 1
Pinpoint levels
Choose two dates and set aside 20-25 minutes each day for students to answer questions in the Real-Time Diagnostic.
Review diagnostic scores

As soon as a student has finished diagnosing, you’ll have immediate insights waiting for you in IXL Analytics. Tap into your Diagnostic Overview for a full analysis of your students’ proficiency in key mathematics or English language arts strands.

If you see a student with a range, it means they are still working on narrowing down their diagnostic scores. Reach out to them and encourage them to keep going!

If you see a student with a single number, it means they have full diagnostic stats ready for you! Click on the student’s name for a breakdown of their diagnostic scores by strand.

Diagnostic scores on IXL correspond to grade levels. A score of 500 indicates readiness to begin working on 5th grade skills.
The Real-Time Diagnostic creates a personalized action plan for every student with just-right skills to help them grow. Even students with the same diagnostic scores will have different recommendations tailored to their individual needs.

Encourage your students to check out their action plan and work to a SmartScore of 80 on 1 recommended skill each day. It's a simple but effective way to keep your learners growing!

Get accurate insights anytime

Keeping students’ diagnostic levels updated throughout the year is easy! Ask learners to answer 10-15 questions a week in the diagnostic to receive always-accurate data that you can use in the classroom right away.

Plan next steps

If your school is conducting class in a hybrid format, have students pinpoint levels during in-class days and work on recommended skills during at-home days.

If your school is using a remote learning model, choose two dates and have parents set aside 20-25 minutes each day to answer questions in the Diagnostic.

To ensure a successful assessment experience, set the expectation that students will work independently in the diagnostic and do their best! Parents should not provide any assistance while their students are answering diagnostic questions.

These handy guides provide detailed instructions for students and parents:

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