

New Reading Series

- ➔ Received 7-year NRS approval through 2025
- ➔ Approved for use in ABE/ASE programs
- ➔ California funded programs may begin to use Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE starting in July 2018 in the 2018-2019 Program Year
- ➔ Aligned with College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards for Adult Education

Tests for ABE/ASE

CASAS Reading GOALS for ABE (900 series)

- NRS-approved through February 2025

Life Skills Math (30 series) or Secondary Math (500 series)

- NRS-approved through June 2019

Tests for ESL

NRS-approved through June 2019

- Life and Work Reading (80 series) and Beginning Literacy, Forms 27 and 28
- Life and Work Listening (980 series)

➔ Intake

- Short eTests Locator – 10-15 minutes
- Appraisal, Form 900R (Paper & eTests) – 30 minutes

➔ Pre- and post-tests (Forms 901 – 908)

- Level A test forms – 60 minutes each
- Level B, C and D test forms – 75 minutes each

On the Reading GOALS page* on the CASAS website:

➔ Reading GOALS for ABE and ASE FAQs

➔ Reading GOALS Test Blueprint

➔ Sample Items at Levels A, B, C and D

* www.casas.org > product overviews > assessments > reading-goals

NRS EFLs and Reading GOALS Scale Score Ranges



NRS EFL	ABE/ASE Levels	CASAS Scale Score Ranges
1	Beginning ABE Literacy	203 and below
2	Beginning Basic Education	204 - 216
3	Low Intermediate Basic Education	217 - 227
4	High Intermediate Basic Education	228 - 238
5	Low Adult Secondary Education	239 - 248
6	High Adult Secondary Education	249 and above

- ➔ ***CASAS new Reading Series Blueprint reflects:***
 - CASAS Competencies
 - CASAS Reading Standards
 - CCR Standards for Adult Education in the areas of:
 - Reading and Reading Foundations
 - Assesses higher order thinking skills (Depth of Knowledge), complex informational text, and vocabulary, including academic language
 - Reading Task Areas (format of reading passage)
 - Depth of Knowledge (DOK)

Test Content Areas and Reporting Categories



CASAS Reading GOALS Content Areas	CCRS Reading Anchor*
Vocabulary	R4
Reading Comprehension Skills	R1, R2
Locate information/detail; cite evidence	
Identify main idea and details	
Higher Order Reading Skills	
Cite evidence; infer; draw conclusions; summarize	R1, R2
Text structure and features	R5
Author's purpose and point of view	R6
Analyze claim/argument	R8
*CCRS Reading Standards R7, R9 and R10 are measured across content areas.	

Reading GOALS Item Types

Multiple choice – All levels

- ➔ Comprehension (in existing Reading tests)
- ➔ Sentence completion

New text and item features – Levels B, C, D

- ➔ Numbered lines in text passages
- ➔ Underlined words embedded in passage

Level A only

Photo prompts and distractors in beginning of the test

Item Families – Multiple items related to one reading passage makes efficient use of test time

Sample Test Item – Cite evidence in text

Star Tech

Employee Computer and Internet Policy

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2 business. The company also has a liberal policy of giving employees up to 30
3 minutes of personal Internet use each day. However, communications on
4 company computers belong to Star Tech. The company can look at all messages
5 and documents on its computers and other company technology.

Which lines explain that the company is inspecting employees' use of computers and the internet?

- A. lines 1-2**
- B. lines 3-4**
- C. lines 5-6**
- D. lines 7-8**

Sample Test Item – Summarize

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Which statement best summarizes this announcement?

- A. The company requires a more straightforward computer-use policy.**
- B. Too many employees have violated proper computer-use standards.**
- C. The company plans to prohibit sending and receiving personal e-mail.**
- D. There are restrictions to the use of company computers by employees.**

Sample Test Item – Academic Vocabulary

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Which word means the same as liberal as used in this announcement?

- A. generous
- B. radical
- C. traditional
- D. widespread

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