

# LAS Links First Edition (Forms A, B, Español A)

Connecting Assessment, Language, and Learning

**English and Spanish Language Proficiency Assessments**— A comprehensive and integrated system of assessments, instructional placement, instructional guidance, and support for all English and Spanish language learners.





## Language is the Basis of Learning

As classroom populations grow more culturally and ethnically diverse, so do your educational and assessment needs—especially the need to measure language as it relates to classroom learning. Discover new possibilities to accurately assess language proficiency, from K–12, with LAS Links.

LAS Links<sup>®</sup> is the only product you'll need to place and measure the progress of your English and Spanish Language Learners. This complete system includes a year's worth of diagnostic assessment and teaching tools designed to help promote language literacy so every child can succeed.

#### What does LAS Links First Edition offer?

The LAS Links First Edition (Forms A, B, Español A) expands Data Recognition Corporation's (DRC) continuing commitment to connect language to learning by linking assessment to reporting and instruction for all English and Spanish Language Learners. Developed by language assessment experts, LAS Links K–12 Assessments are research-based tests that surveys the Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Comprehension skills of English and Spanish language learners in Grades K–12. The test results link to teaching strategies and instructional guidance for teachers to create lesson plans, provide extra practice on designated skills, or give remediation. Staff development materials offer teachers instruction on how to interpret and apply test results to enhance classroom instruction and student learning. LAS Links allows teachers to continually monitor students' progress throughout the year.

#### **Product Key Benefits**

- Provides valid, reliable, research-based assessments of English or Spanish language proficiency
- Measures academic and social competence in four learning domains—Listening,
   Speaking, Reading, Writing—with a Comprehension score derived from the Listening and Reading domains and an Oral score derived from Listening and Speaking
- Offers instructional guidance to help teachers plan instruction and remediation
- Aligns to national TESOL and state English proficiency standards
- Enables teachers to monitor and report ongoing progress
- Uses a common scale across First and Second Edition Forms to measure student growth from year to year and compare English to Spanish proficiency
- Includes both social and academic language skills

#### **Grade Levels Assessed**

- Primary K-1
- Early Elementary 2-3
- Elementary 4-5
- Middle Grades 6-8
- High School 9-12



### A Continuum of Effective Measurement

No other language proficiency products are as comprehensive and powerful for placing, tracking the progress of, and planning the curriculum for your EL students.

#### Placement

Accurate placement promotes quality instruction and helps students make progress rapidly. LAS Links evaluates students in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing to accurately and reliably place them within the program that best meets their needs.

#### Planning

Once students have been identified at their appropriate level of English and/or Spanish proficiency, teachers can tailor instruction to meet the needs of every student.

#### **Progress**

LAS Links provides information that helps teachers monitor students' progress toward achieving state standards. This feedback enables teachers to measure and report progress throughout the year to adjust the curriculum to target student learning.



#### CONTENT THAT ENGAGES O

The LAS Links and LAS Links Español assessment systems use engaging, culturally relevant content that motivates students. Test items are interwoven with realistic illustrations, contextualized reading passages, and photographs that work together to encourage all students to achieve their best.

#### Content Variety to Meet Every Student's Needs

Test items cover grade levels K–12, proficiency levels from Beginning through Advanced, and offer a wide selection of test formats, including multiple choice and performance-based test items.

#### **Test Administration**

LAS Links is provided in both online and paper formats for grades K-12. LAS Links also provides a flexible "blended" model where districts may utilize paper testing for some students (i.e. an accommodation) while other students take the LAS Links assessment entirely online. All assessment data is reported via the LAS Links Online Reporting System regardless of the mode used for testing.

LAS Links Online is delivered via the DRC INSIGHT $^{\text{m}}$  platform which delivers over 41 million assessments to students across the US and internationally each year.



## LAS Links Online Reporting System.

The LAS Links Online Reporting System is a powerful Web-based system that provides administrators, teachers, and parents with the information to measurably improve student language proficiency. With a few clicks of the mouse, you can quickly and easily access your assessment results, and aggregate and disaggregate data to meet local instructional needs.

Language Assessment System*  Student Proficiency Report	Birthdate: 09/ Gender: Male Student ID#;			Grade: KG Form/Level: A/1 Class: School: District:			
Skill Area	Scale Score	1 Beginning	<b>2</b> Early Intermediate	3 Intermediate	4 Proficient	5 Above Proficient	
Speaking	450	300-429	430-460	461-495	496-549	550-580	
Listening	438	300-425	426-443	444-469	470-519	520-530	
Reading	346	240-354	355-380	381-420	421-474	475-550	
Writing	381	200-346	347-416	417-487	488-515	516-630	
Overall*	403	260-388	389-424	425-467	468-514	515-572	
Comprehension**	392	270-385	386-411	412-448	449-466	467-560	
Oral***	444	280-429	430-460	461-486	487-525	526-620	

The LAS Links **Student Proficiency Report** presents the student's obtained Raw Score, Scale Score and Proficiency Level across the 4 domains (Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing) as well as across the composite scores of Overall, Oral and Comprehension. This report is used to identify students' strengths and weaknesses in regards to each of the areas in which a student is tested.

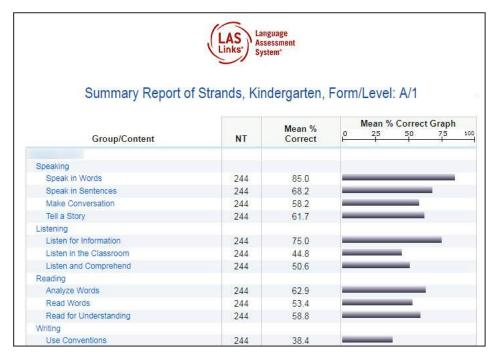
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The LAS Links **Roster Report** provides a list of students and their performance in each of the content/skill areas, as well as a listing students' scale scores and performance levels. This dynamic report allows for a variety of analyses including filtering and disaggregating student results.





The LAS Links **Summary Chart of Skill Areas** allows educators to view a graphical representation of their population in each of the areas tested. By clicking on each of the bars, the educator is able to drill down to the students that make up that particular percentage represented.



The LAS Links **Summary Report of Strands** provides key information regarding student and group performance on each of the subsections of each domain tested.



## LAS Links First Edition Scope and Sequence

#### LISTENING DOMAIN

Sub-Skill	K-1	2-3	4-5	6-8	9-12	Administration Mode
Follow common, explicit oral directions to participate in diverse academic or social tasks	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Respond to idiomatic expressions to participate in diverse academic or social tasks including phrasal verbs with idiomatic meaning		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Identify purpose	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Identify main ideas		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Identify supporting details	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Make predictions based on known information	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper

#### **SPEAKING DOMAIN**

Sub-Skill	K-1	2-3	4-5	6-8	9-12	Administration Mode
Provide information	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Express opinions and preferences		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Make requests	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Ask questions. request clarification, and negotiate for understanding		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Conduct transactions	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Identify an object and describe its purpose or use with words or phrases	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Identify an academic or social situation and describe it using sentences	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Describe processes	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Describe people, locations, scenery to give directions		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Explain processes		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Compare and explain preferences	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Interpret, narrate, and paraphrase events, using visual information	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper

#### **READING DOMAIN**

Sub-Skill	K-1	2-3	4-5	6-8	9-12	Administration Mode
Identifying rhyming words	•	•				Online and/or Paper
Apply letter-sound relationships to read English	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Apply letter-sound relationships to read English phonemes	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Apply knowledge of morphemes and syntax to word meaning		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Classify words	•					Online and/or Paper
Demonstrate vocabulary	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Demonstrate reading comprehension	•	•	•			Online and/or Paper
Identify important literary features of text			•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Read critically and apply learning strategies to interpretation			•		•	Online and/or Paper

#### WRITING DOMAIN

Sub-Skill	K-1	2-3	4-5	6-8	9-12	Administration Mode
Use singular and plural, subject/verb agreement, tense agreement	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Use conjunctions, pronouns, prepositional phrases, and auxiliary verbs			•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Capitalize beginning of sentences and proper names	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Use sentence-ending marks	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Use commas in series and dates	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Use apostrophes in contractions and possessives		•	•	•	•	
Differentiate complete sentences from fragments		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Use articles		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Form statements and questions		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Differentiate complete sentences from run-ons			•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Use adjectives and adverbs		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Write simple sentences to describe	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Write simple sentences to explain	•	•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper
Write to describe, explain, report, compare, narrate, persuade, or express		•	•	•	•	Online and/or Paper





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