

# Pretest Instructions

It is extremely important that you follow standard testing procedures when you administer the STAR Reading Enterprise<sup>™</sup> test to your students. Before you begin testing, please check the following:

- Explain the test to your students. The Pretest Instructions will walk you through a basic orientation with your students.
- Cover or remove any materials on the walls, whiteboard, and other areas that might help students answer the test items.
- Make sure there is enough light and ventilation in the test area.
- Make sure the area is free from noise. Try to avoid distracting locations or times when other students, school bells, or public address announcements can interfere with student concentration.



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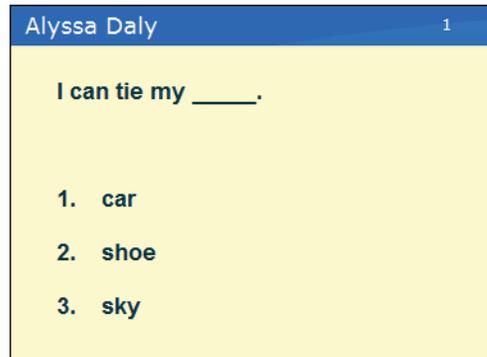
**Teachers:** Please read these instructions to your students before they take the STAR Reading Enterprise test. (You can use the enclosed materials to make handouts if you think it will help your students understand the test format.) Read each section aloud exactly as it is printed so that students know what to expect at each stage of the test.

Only students with assigned grades from K–12 will be allowed to take the test. Please note that in general, only students who have a reading vocabulary of at least 100 words should take the STAR Reading Enterprise test. (In other words, the student should have at least beginning reading skills.) Practically, students who can work through the practice questions unassisted should be able to take the STAR Reading Enterprise test.

“You are going to take a test called STAR Reading Enterprise. It is a reading test that has fill-in-the blank and short-answer questions. You will answer 34 questions on a computer. It will take about fifteen minutes to answer all of the questions.

Do not worry if someone finishes the test before you because every test is different. Do not worry about how many questions you think you get right, or how many you get wrong. Everyone will probably miss some of the questions. The main goal is for you to do the best you can.”

**Picture 1** Fill-in-the-blank questions have a sentence with a word missing. There will be a list of three or four words that could fit in the blank. Your job is to choose the word that best completes the sentence..

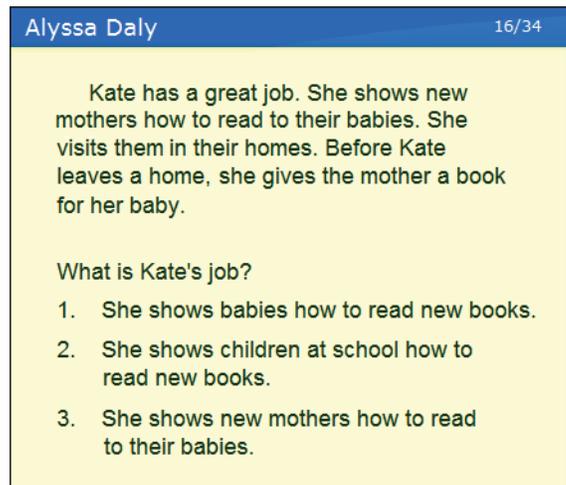


Alyssa Daly 1

I can tie my \_\_\_\_.

1. car
2. shoe
3. sky

Short-answer questions have a text passage at the top, followed by a question about the passage. There will be a list of three or four possible answers. Your job is to choose the best answer to the question.



Alyssa Daly 16/34

Kate has a great job. She shows new mothers how to read to their babies. She visits them in their homes. Before Kate leaves a home, she gives the mother a book for her baby.

What is Kate's job?

1. She shows babies how to read new books.
2. She shows children at school how to read new books.
3. She shows new mothers how to read to their babies.

**Picture 2** Choosing your answer on the computer is easy. Each possible answer has a number next to it (1, 2, 3, or 4). Just press the number on the keyboard that matches the number of your answer choice, or use the mouse to click on your answer choice. Then enter your answer, either by pressing **Enter** or **return** on the keyboard or by clicking **Next** on the screen with the mouse. Picture 2 shows the location of each of the keys and mouse buttons that you can use during the test.




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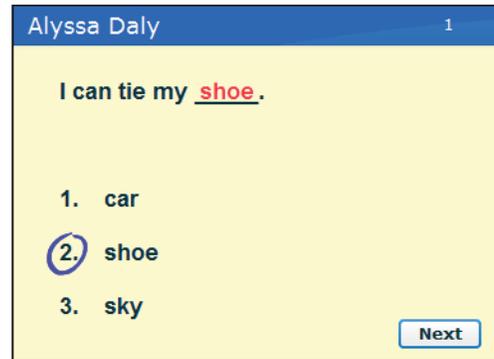
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**Picture 3** When you choose an answer, a blue circle will appear around it as shown in Picture 3. The blue circle only shows you which answer you selected. It does *not* mean that you selected the correct answer. For fill-in-the-blank questions, the program also puts the word you picked in the blank so you can see how it fits in the sentence.

You can change your answer by pressing the number of your new answer choice or by clicking on it with the mouse. The program will draw the blue circle around your new choice (and, for fill-in-the-blank questions, will put your new choice in the blank so you can see it in the sentence).

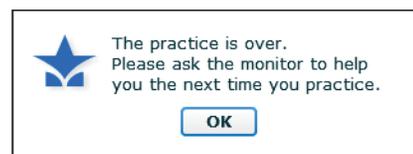
*You cannot change your answer after you press **Enter** or **return** or click **Next**.*



**Picture 4** If you see a picture of a clock at the top of the screen as shown in Picture 4, time is almost up for that question. Choose your answer quickly. If you don't choose an answer in time, you will see a message that says time is up for that question. The next question will come up in a few seconds, so be ready.



**Picture 5** Before you take the test, you may get some practice questions. The practice questions look just like the real test. If you see this message when you are answering the practice questions, you should raise your hand and call the teacher or test monitor. He or she will know what to do.



When you finish answering the practice questions, the program will show you this message: "Great job on the practice! Let's go to the test." The test will start automatically. Relax and get ready; the first question will come up soon. Keep answering the questions until the computer tells you that you have finished the test.

If you don't know the answer to a question, go ahead and choose what you think is the best answer.

When you have finished the test, tell the teacher or test monitor that you are finished so the next student can get started.

If you have any questions about this test, please ask them now. You can ask for help before you start the test and during the practice. Once the test starts, the teacher or test monitor will *not* be able to explain any of the words to you or tell you if you have picked the right answer.

**Have fun, and do your best!**

## Picture 1

This is what the fill-in-the-blank test questions look like.

Alyssa Daly	1
<p>I can tie my _____.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. car</li><li>2. shoe</li><li>3. sky</li></ol>	

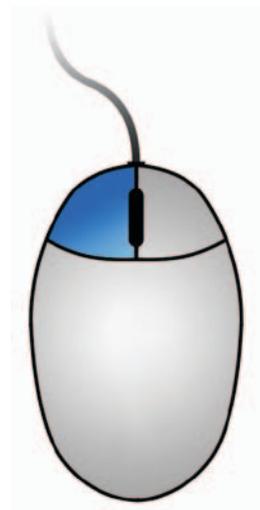
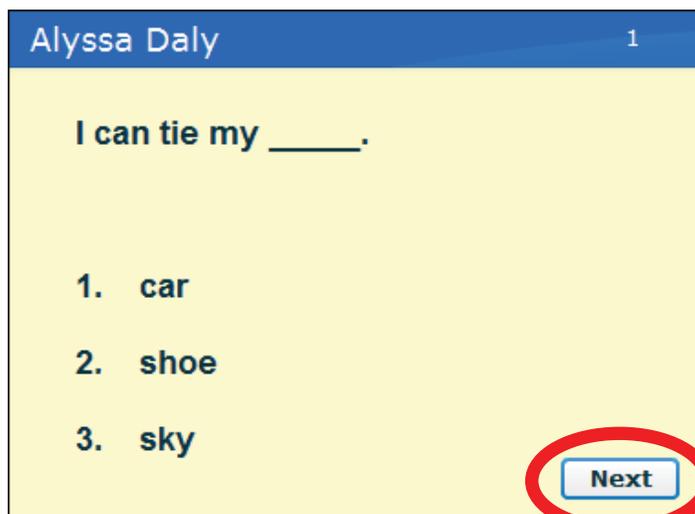
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## Picture 2

Press the **1**, **2**, **3**, or **4** keys on your keyboard to choose the number of your answer, or use the mouse to click on your answer.

Then, enter your answer by pressing the **Enter** or **return** key on the keyboard, or by clicking **Next** on the screen.



## Picture 3

When you pick an answer, you'll see a blue circle around the number of your choice. (For fill-in-the-blank questions, you'll also see the word put in the blank.) This shows the answer you chose. It does *not* mean that you have selected the correct answer.

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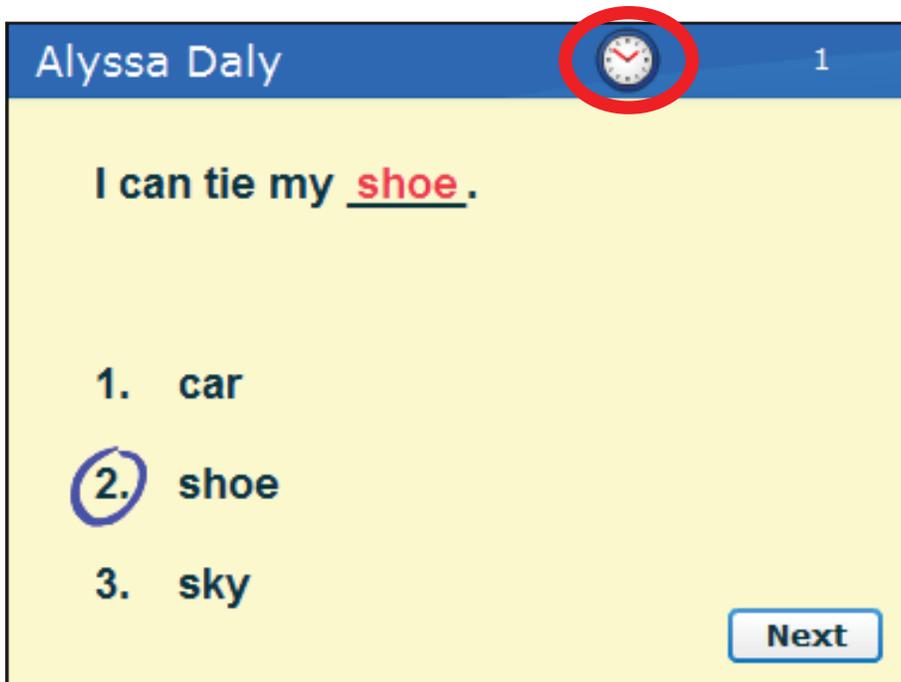
I can tie my shoe.

1. car
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## Picture 4

A clock in the top part of the screen means that time is almost up for this question. Choose your answer quickly.



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## Picture 5

If you see this message during the practice, raise your hand and ask the teacher or test monitor for help.

