

IPT Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to administer the IPT Oral paper-based tests?

Which test do I order?

It depends on the grade level of your students:

- For preschool children ages 3, 4, and 5, order the Pre-IPT
- For students in grades K–6*, order the IPT I
- For students in grades 6–12*, order the IPT II

*Sixth-grade students may be assessed using either the IPT I– or the IPT II–Oral Tests.

We recommend that you order a complete set of any given grade level, which will give one examiner enough materials to test 50 students. All test booklets and answer sheets are sold in packages of 50.

If you have several testers/examiners conducting testing at the same time, each examiner needs: one examiner's manual and one picture book for the IPT I and II Oral Tests and one examiner's manual, one story board, and one set of story pieces for the Pre-IPT Oral Tests.

Which forms of the IPT Oral test are current?

The following IPT Oral tests are current:

- Pre-IPT Oral English, 5th Edition
- IPT I Oral English, Forms G & H, Second Edition
- IPT II Oral English, Forms E & F, Second Edition
- Pre-IPT Oral Spanish, 5th Edition
- IPT I Oral Spanish, 5th Edition
- IPT II Oral Spanish, 5th Edition

Previous editions of the IPT Oral tests are available to current customers until June 30, 2019 or until quantities last.

Which alternate form(s) should I order?

The purpose of the alternate forms of our IPT I– and II–Oral English Tests is to allow for pre- and post-testing within an academic year. Either form may be used for initial identification, year-to-year progress monitoring, or redesignation. If you only test once a year, you can decide which form your school or district wants to use. There is only one form of the IPT I– and II–Spanish Tests available and only one form of the Pre-IPT English and Spanish Tests available.

If I need two forms, do I have to buy a whole new set for the alternate form?

No. Simply order the needed components of the alternate form: one picture book for each examiner and test booklets or answer sheets for each student (50 to a package). One Examiner's Manual and one Technical Manual will suffice for both forms.

What do I need to score the tests?

All of the IPT Oral tests are designed to be scored as you administer the test for immediate score results, correct/incorrect responses are recorded on the test booklet itself.

What do I need to administer the IPT Reading & Writing paper-based tests?

Which tests do I order?

It depends on the grade level of your students:

- For grades K–1, order the IPT Early Literacy
- For grades 2–3, order the IPT 1
- For grades 4–6, order the IPT 2
- For grades 7–12, order the IPT 3

We recommend you order a complete set for any given grade level, which will give one examiner enough materials to test 50 students. All test booklets and answer sheets are sold in packages of 50.

If you have several testers/examiners conducting testing at the same time, each examiner needs one examiner's manual.

Which forms of the IPT Reading & Writing test are current?

The following IPT Reading & Writing tests are current:

- IPT Early Literacy English, 4th Edition
- IPT 1–English Forms C & D, 3rd Edition
- IPT 2–English Forms C & D, 3rd Edition
- IPT 3–English Forms C & D, 3rd Edition
- IPT Early Literacy Spanish, 2nd Edition
- IPT 1–Spanish, 5th Edition
- IPT 2–Spanish, 5th Edition
- IPT 3–Spanish, 5th Edition

The IPT 1–, 2–, and 3–Spanish, 4th Edition Tests are available for current customers until June 30, 2019 or until quantities last. All new customers must order the IPT 1–, 2–, and 3–Spanish, 5th Edition Tests. The IPT Early Literacy English, 3rd Edition Test is available for current customers until June 30, 2019 or until quantities last. All new customers must order the IPT Early Literacy English, 4th Edition Test.

Older forms of the IPT English Reading & Writing tests are no longer available from Ballard & Tighe.

What do I need for each student?

Each student will need a Reading and a Writing test booklet. Some students will also need answer sheets for the Reading test. Here's what you need for each student:

Early Literacy and IPT 1–R&W (Grades K–1 and 2–3)	IPT 2–R&W and IPT 3–R&W (Grades 4–6 and 7–12)
Reading Test Booklet	Reading Test Booklet (<i>Non-consumable</i>)
Writing Test Booklet	Reading Test Answer Sheet
	Writing Test Booklet

Which alternate form(s) should I order?

The purpose of the alternate forms (Forms C & D) of our IPT English Reading & Writing Tests is to allow for pre- and post-testing within an academic year. Either form may be used for initial identification, year-to-year progress monitoring, or redesignation. If you only test once a year, you

can decide which form your school or district wants to use. There is only one form of the Spanish tests available and one form of the IPT English Early Literacy Test available.

Do I have to buy a whole new set of the alternate form for post-testing?

No, but it is highly recommended. Although components can be purchased separately, all the components of the Reading and Writing tests are needed for post-testing, and it is more economical to purchase a complete set. Simply order an additional set of the alternate form.

What do I need to score the tests?

Student writing samples from the IPT Writing tests are scored holistically using a rubric. The IPT Early Literacy Reading Test is hand scored only; however, the IPT 1–, 2–, and 3–Reading Tests, and the Conventions section of the Writing tests may be scored in one of three ways:

- Hand scoring: Use the scoring template provided in the test sets to score each test answer sheet quickly and accurately. An answer key is also provided in the Examiner’s Manuals. The template is not available for the IPT 1 (grades 2–3) or the IPT Early Literacy (K–1) because they do not require answer sheets since students mark their answers directly in the test booklets.
- Machine scoring: Answer sheets and machine-scored test booklets may be scored on most scanners.
- Test scoring service: You may contract with an independent scoring service company to score your tests.

What if I still have some old test forms left?

Ballard & Tighe recommends that schools and districts start using the current test forms at the turn of the academic year, in early July. This ensures that the test results for all students are comparable regardless of when they are tested.

Is there any online data management solution for the IPT tests?

Yes. We offer the OnlineIPT, a web-based version of the paper-based IPT tests with no installation/downloads required. Please contact your Educational Sales Consultant for more information.