

BEST Literacy Product Overview

The complete *BEST Literacy* product line will soon be available and consists of the following:

- *BEST Literacy Test Manual*
- *Examinee Test Booklet*, Form B
- *Examinee Test Booklet*, Form C
- *Examinee Test Booklet*, Form D
- Corresponding answer sheets for each test form

These are the new features of *BEST Literacy*:

- A new parallel Form D, which has never before been available.
- Contemporary information, graphics, and photos relevant to today's ESL students.
- Graded writing samples in the *BEST Literacy Test Manual*.
- A one-page pre-literacy screening tool to determine quickly if *BEST Literacy* is appropriate for an examinee.

Why is the *BEST* changing?

The test was originally created in the early 1980s in response to the need for an accurate, cost-effective adult ESL reading and writing test. Now, in response to feedback from users, the *BEST Literacy Skills* Section is being updated to include contemporary information, graphics, and language, while still providing a reliable measure of adult ESL reading and writing proficiency.

Will I be able to use the original *BEST Literacy Skills* Section after September 30, 2006, for NRS reporting purposes?

Yes. The original literacy skills section of the *BEST* has been on the list of approved assessments since the NRS began in 1998. The updated *BEST Literacy* test is approved by OVAE for NRS reporting purposes and will continue to allow the original *BEST Literacy Skills* Section to be used for NRS reporting purposes for a minimum of 1 year beyond CAL's retirement date of September 30, 2006.

Can I pretest with the original *BEST Literacy Skills* Section and posttest with the updated *BEST Literacy* test?

Yes, the original *BEST Literacy Skills* Section and updated *BEST Literacy* assessments have undergone comparability, reliability, and validity studies and have been determined to be parallel forms. Thus you may pretest with the *BEST Literacy Skills* Section and posttest with the updated *BEST Literacy*. New reference charts will be available in the *BEST Literacy Test Manual* that convert raw test scores to scaled test scores. Of course, whether testing with the original or updated versions, you would have to use a different form for the pretest and posttest (e.g., pretest with form C and posttest with form D).



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| 521C | BEST Literacy Test Form C Examinee Test Booklets (Set of 20 with Answer Sheets) | | 35.00 | |
| 521D | BEST Literacy Test Form D Examinee Test Booklets (Set of 20 with Answer Sheets) | | 35.00 | |
| 521M | BEST Literacy Test Manual (New Manual covers all three Best Literacy Tests) | | 25.00 | |

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