



Rise to the
Challenge

**And Prepare Your Students
for Test Success**

with **Prepare for CASAS STEPS**



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Objectives:

In this session, you will learn how to use...

- Burlington's Prepare for CASAS STEPS practice tests to familiarize students with the format of standardized tests, build student confidence, and improve test scores.
- Prepare for CASAS STEPS along with Burlington Core to bring more rigor to your classroom and prepare students for success on the test.



What are the six CASAS Competency Areas covered on the CASAS STEPS tests?

CASAS Competency Areas

- 0. Basic Communication**
- 1. Consumer Economics**
- 2. Community Resources**
- 3. Health**
- 4. Employment**
- 5. Government and Law**



What are the four Task Areas covered on the CASAS STEPS tests?

Task Areas

1. Forms
2. Charts, tables, and graphs
3. Texts, emails, articles, and narratives
4. Signs, ads, and labels



What are some of the Reading Content Areas covered on the CASAS STEPS tests?

Reading Content Areas

High-frequency Vocabulary (Pictures)

High-frequency Vocabulary (Texts)


Numbers

Vocabulary

Details

Main Idea


Inference

Select:  Test Practice

Class: Demo ESL Class

CASAS STEPS

Period Presets
From 01-Jul-24 To 12-Jul-24

By Last Name 


Group Average
Alejandro Bego
Bika Falbala
Demi Stela
Felipe Bannann
Olga Fe
Tiang Xu

Test Results **STEPS Skill Reports** Group Competency Report Individual Competency Report

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Download Report

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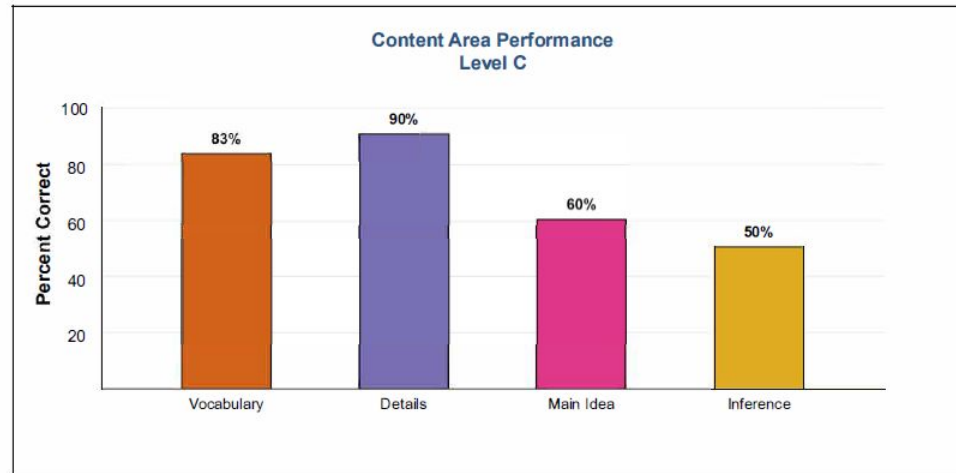
- Select...
- Competency Area
- Task Area
- Content Area



Student Content Area

School: Sample School
Class: Demo Class 100
Teacher: Sample Teacher

Form: Reading Test Mode Level C
Student: Alejandro Bego
Period: 7 Jul 2024 - 15 Jul 2024



Content Areas	ELP Standard	N	% Correct
Vocabulary Understand high-frequency words Understand academic vocabulary	8	6	83%
Details Retell key details	1	21	90%
Main Idea Identify the main topic Identify an author's purpose	1	5	60%
Inference Infer / Draw conclusions	1	4	50%



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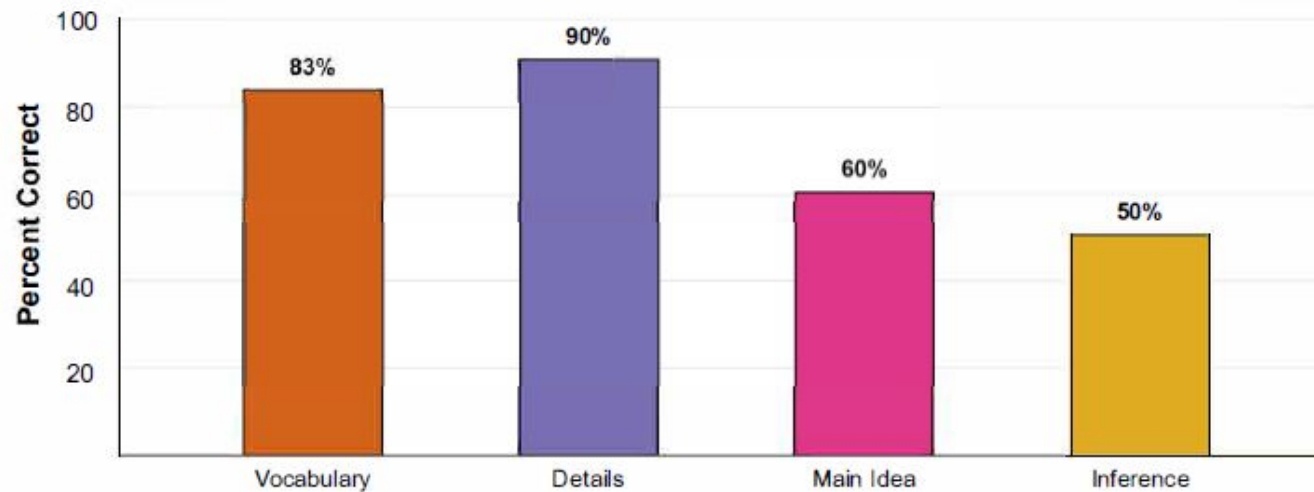
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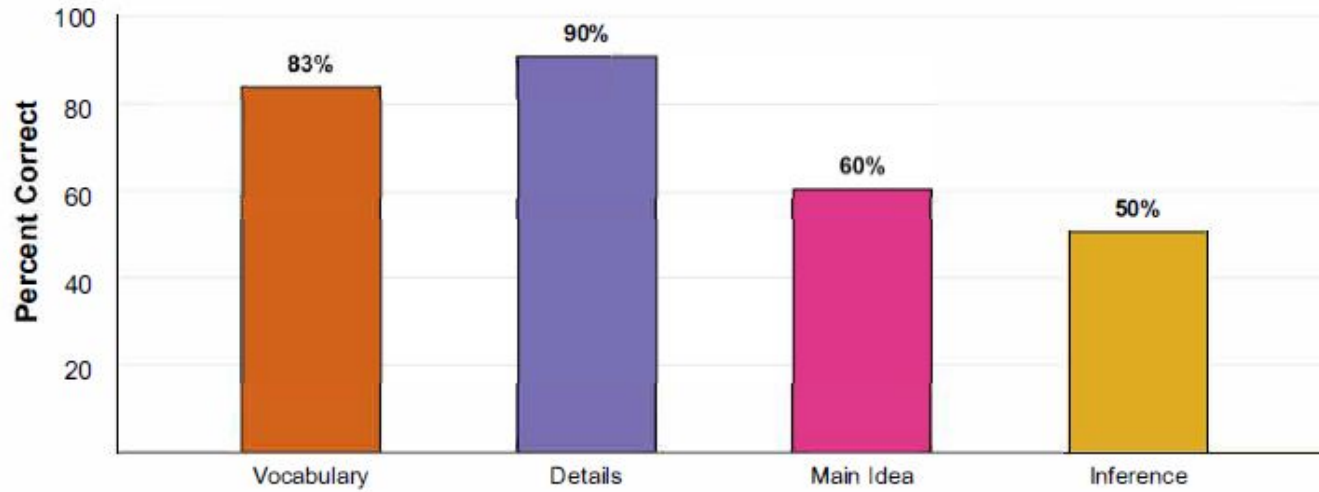
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USED CARS AND VANS

Features:

- ✓ Seats 6 with 404 cubic feet of space inside
- ✓ White with gray interior
- ✓ No dents or scratches
- ✓ 103,000 miles
- ✓ 11 mpg
- ✓ 4.6L V8 engine
- ✓ Height: 110.1 in.
- ✓ Length: 237.6 in.

Pricing:

- \$12,000
- 10% down payment
- Financing is available

Best prices in town!

All makes and models!

Competency Area?

Consumer Economics

Task Area?

4 - Signs, Ads, and Labels

Content Area?

Detail

8 (1/2)

According to the ad, the van _.

- A. has gray and white seats
- B. does not have a lot of room inside
- C. does not have any dents
- D. has a lot of scratches



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END TEST



ARGYLE Law Group 	
Employee Newsletter	Volume 6, December
Retirements This Month	
Tricia Hernandez Everyone who works here at Argyle knows Tricia, our office manager. But what many of you probably don't know is that Tricia joined Argyle more than 30 years ago as an administrative assistant. Over the years, she's worked her way up through the ranks, and she became our office manager 10 years ago. We don't know how we'll keep the office going without her. After she retires at the end of the month, she'll move to Tampa, Florida to be close to her son Raoul. She plans to spend as much time as she can relaxing and enjoying her family. We're jealous, and we wish her all the best!	

Competency Area?

Employment

Task Area?

3 - Texts, emails, articles, and narratives

Content Area?

Inference

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According to the newsletter, which sentence is *most likely* true?

- A. Raoul Hernandez lives close to his mother right now.
- B. Argyle Law Group's employees have lots of time to relax.
- C. Tricia Hernandez is very good at her job as office manager.
- D. Most employees have worked at Argyle for over 30 years.



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Get Ready

Vocabulary

Read

Vocabulary Focus

Review Game

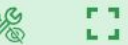
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3 4

5 6 7 8 9

10 11

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Oleg	Mila
Work hours?	Is always on time.
Uniform?	Always wears uniform and name tag.
Job skills?	Works fast, but sometimes makes mistakes.
	Is always early. Always stays late to help.
	Always wears clean uniform and covers hair.
	Works fast and is careful.

DRAW CONCLUSIONS Read the table again and discuss the question.

Who do you think will be Employee of the Month – Oleg or Mila? Why?

Competency Area?

Employment

Task Area?

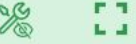
2 - Charts

Content Area?

Inference



Get Ready		Vocabulary	Read		Speak		Review Game	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



DRAW CONCLUSIONS Andy is applying for the job. Read what he says about himself. Does he have the requirements for the job? Discuss.

Job Title: BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Location: Columbus, OH

This job is full-time, M-F.

Duties:

- Supervise maintenance and repair work in 40-unit office building
- Supervise maintenance team

Requirements:

- 3-5 years' experience in building maintenance
- Electrical or plumbing experience
- Excellent communication skills
- Problem-solving skills
- High school diploma
- References

Salary: \$20/hr

- Benefits:**
- Health insurance
 - Paid vacation

[Apply for the job](#)



I have a high school diploma. I speak and write well in English and Spanish. I started as an electrician's helper and then I worked in building maintenance for four years. I have references from these jobs.

Competency Area?

Employment

Task Area(s)?

3 - Narratives *and*
4 - Ads

Content Area?

Inference





i	Get Ready		Vocabulary		Read			Vocabulary Focus		Review Game	✂	☐
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Relocating for Work



Are you having a hard time finding a good job in your home state? The number of jobs varies from place to place. Different states offer different job opportunities. To get ahead in your career, you should find out where those opportunities are and consider relocating.

One great source of information for job seekers is the online careers website – the Occupational Outlook Handbook or OOH. Since the U.S. government created the OOH, job seekers all over the country have used it to find information about occupations. For example, you can find out how much money you can make as a plumber, or what education you need to be a kindergarten teacher. The OOH also includes maps that show the number of jobs in different fields by state. The map below shows the employment of front desk clerks across the country.

Employment of front desk clerks in the hotel industry, by state, May 2017



INFER Read the text again. Then answer the questions.

1. Why are there a lot of front desk clerk jobs in California and Florida?

2. If you want to get ahead, what should you look for when you move?

Competency Area?

Employment

Task Area(s)?

- 2 - Charts and
- 3 - Articles

Content Area?

Inference



Small Group Discussion

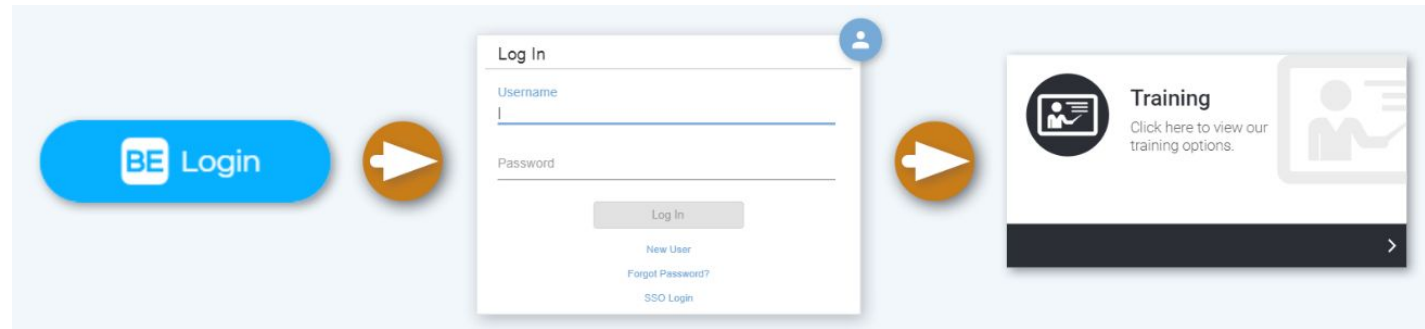
How will you incorporate Prepare for CASAS STEPS practice tests in your classroom?

Discuss the following:

- How will you use the practice tests for whole group or small group instruction? And how often?
- Where will you have students take practice tests—in class, in the lab, or at home? And how often?
- How much test practice is too much?



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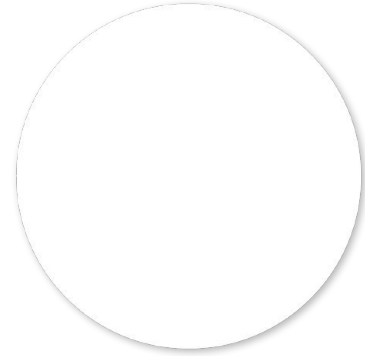
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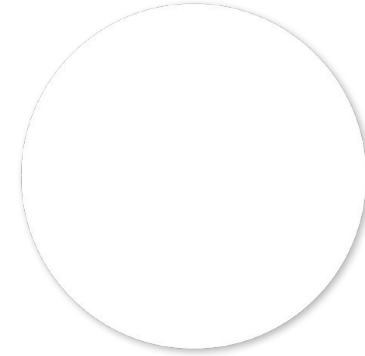
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Reserved Tests: Control CASAS

The screenshot shows the Burlington English Teacher's Zone interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Burlington English logo, the user name 'ST Sample Teacher', and icons for mail, globe, and home. Below this is a green header bar with 'Teacher's Zone' and 'Sample School'. The main content area has two tabs: 'STUDENT PROGRESS' and 'STUDENT MANAGEMENT'. Under 'STUDENT MANAGEMENT', there are several buttons: 'New Student', 'Remove/Restore', 'Update Comments', 'Edit Name', 'Reset Login', 'Reset Language', 'Control Menu', 'Control Access', 'Control CASAS' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Placement Test'. Below these buttons is a 'Select by:' dropdown menu set to 'Students' and a search box. A table lists students with columns for 'All', 'By Last Name', 'Student', 'Class', and 'Status'. The student 'Baek Tosan' is selected. To the right, a 'Control CASAS' modal window is open, showing 'You have selected 1 student: Baek Tosan'. Below this, there are fields for 'Select Test & Time' with dropdowns for 'Type' (Pre), 'Level' (Level B), 'Test' (Reading), 'Date' (16-Jul-24), and 'Time' (3:45 pm). 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom of the modal.

All	By Last Name	Student	Class	Status
		Alejandro Bego	Demo ESL Class, Demo Class 1...	Pre-Test Waiting
✓		Baek Tosan	Demo Class 200	
		Bika Falbala	Demo Class 100	
		Demi Stela	Demo Class 100	
		Felipe Bannann	Sample Class 3, Demo Class 100	
		Kaan Chong	Demo Class 200	
		Lia Hernandez	Demo Class 200	
		Mezol Monaco	Demo Class 200	
		Olga Fe	Demo Class 100	
		Tiang Xu	Demo Class 100	
		Xiao Xin-Gan	Demo Class 200	

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Teacher's Zone

Click here to access Teacher's Material, Student Progress Reports and student management tools.



Reserved Tests: Student View

The screenshot displays the Burlington English student dashboard. At the top left is the logo and tagline. The main content area features two promotional cards: 'Virtual Class Scheduler' and 'English for Specific Careers'. A central modal window titled 'Test' is open, displaying a notification about a 'Prepare for CASAS STEPS Reading Test' and a link to take the test. The modal includes a 'Do not show again' checkbox and a 'CLOSE' button. The footer contains links for 'Terms of Service' and 'Privacy Policy'.

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Virtual Class Scheduler
Click here to access your Virtual Class Scheduler.

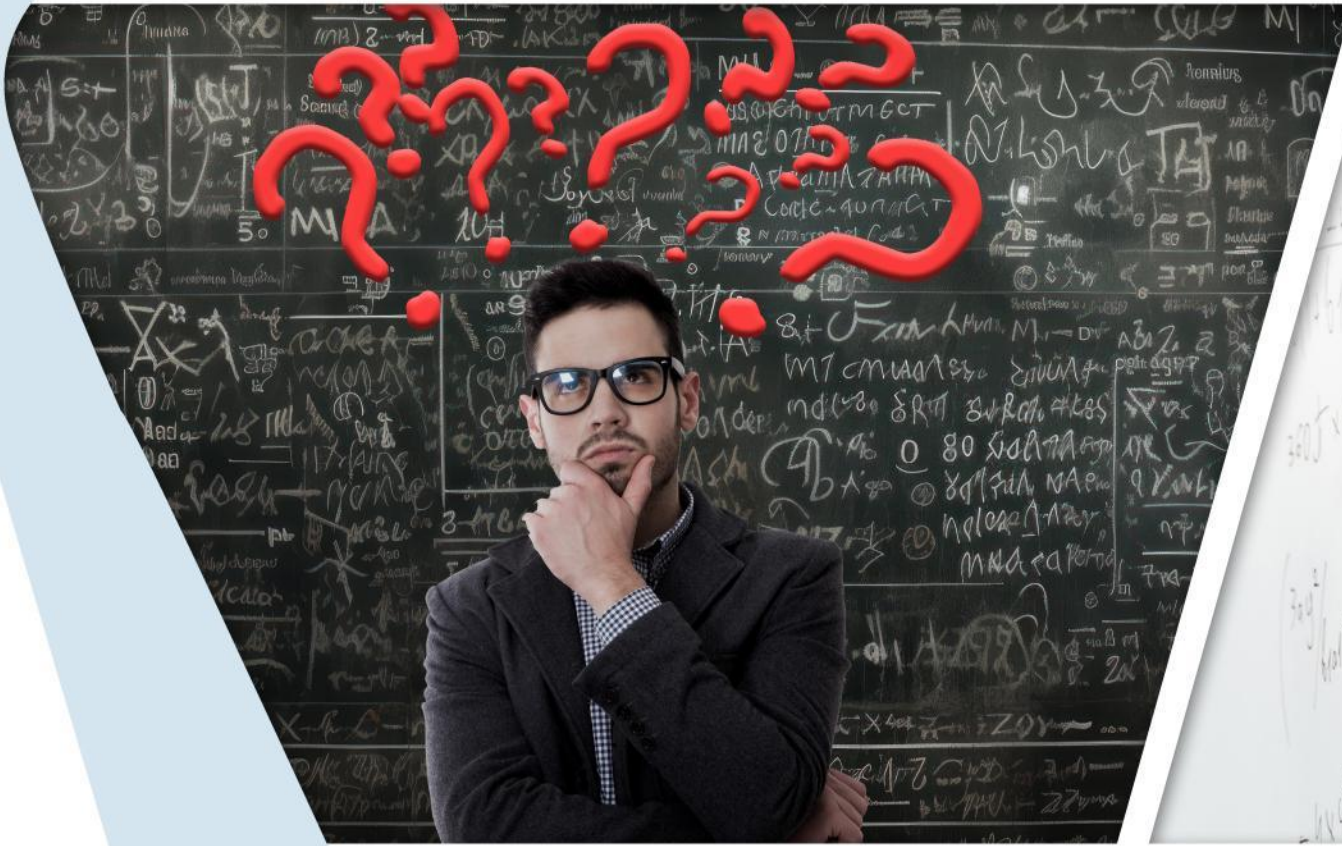
English for Specific Careers
Click here to access Wordlists and resources for specific careers.

Test
There is a Prepare for CASAS STEPS Reading Test waiting for you.
[Click here to take the test.](#)
 Do not show again **CLOSE**

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Success on Assessments

