TELPAS and Lexia® English Language Development ™ Correlation

How Lexia English Supports Emergent Bilingual Students in Texas

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Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment

The Texas Education Agency designed the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) and TELPAS Alternate to assess the progress that Emergent Bilingual (EB) students make in learning the English language. TELPAS assesses the abilities outlined in the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) student expectations and reports performance in alignment with the ELPS proficiency level descriptors (PLDs).

Educators use the PLDs throughout the school year as a formative assessment of the English language proficiency levels of their students. Teachers can monitor progress and tailor second language instruction to the proficiency levels of Emergent Bilinguals as those students learn more English.

Lexia® English Language Development™

Lexia English uses a cutting-edge speech recognition engine to provide students with immediate feedback on their speaking tasks. Using the adaptive blended learning model, teachers can view progress through the ELPS-aligned scope and sequence and provide targeted, teacher-led listening and speaking lessons to further support students when needed. Students gain confidence in speaking as they interact with 17 different characters with heritage languages of their own! The various speaking and listening tasks help students feel more prepared to take TELPAS as they engage in academic conversations and listening activities. While working in the Lexia English student program, students speak over 70% of the time.

A linguistically aligned ELPS scope and sequence means students progress through the program at their appropriate proficiency level.

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> **I love the speaking practice my students are getting. They are less hesitant to speak when using the program. It is a confidence booster for them to see that they are making gains in the English language.**
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> — ESL teacher using Lexia English

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Lexia English is built on culturally responsive pedagogy. A student's heritage language and accent is valued and seen as an asset!

Lexia English provides listening and speaking tasks that emulate what students will see on the TELPAS exam.

Detailed and targeted listening and speaking lessons help reinforce online learning.

72% of the student program is dedicated to speaking, and Lexia's powerful speech recognition technology offers learners immediate feedback.

Assessment Without Testing® means teachers can track their students' progress toward their linguistic goals on a daily basis.

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I have the data right there in front of me. I don't have to wait for a year to get the TELPAS data to see how they're doing.

— Texas educator

Videos With Multiple Responses

TELPAS example

Students are asked to watch various fiction and nonfiction videos and then answer multiple choice questions and give speaking responses.
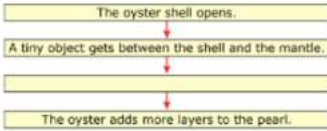
How does Lexia English support this?

Students listen to various videos and characters explaining diagrams, pictures, and other organizers across multiple subject areas. Students are expected to answer multiple choice questions and respond orally.

Lexia English example

Level 10, Farah, encounter 3, listening

Look at the diagram.

The oyster shell opens.
A tiny object gets between the shell and the mantle.
The oyster adds more layers to the pearl.

Which step goes in the empty box?

(A) The oyster shell is opened.
(B) The oyster is inspected for pearls.
(C) The object is covered with a pearly material.

A food chain is more complex than a food web.
A food chain shows one way energy flows between living things.
A food web shows one way energy flows between living things.
A food web is made by spiders.

Comparing and Contrasting

TELPAS example

Students must compare and contrast two separate photos or objects.

How does Lexia English support this?

Students compare and contrast objects across multiple subjects and are provided language frames so they speak using the correct language structure. These language frames are transferrable across multiple language tasks.

Lexia English example

Level 16, Wong Yi, encounter 2, open conversation

- First describe at least two ways these pictures are similar.
- Next describe at least two ways these pictures are different.

Would you say these shapes look fairly similar or quite different?

quite   fairly

These cylinders look ___ different, yet they have ___ similar volumes.

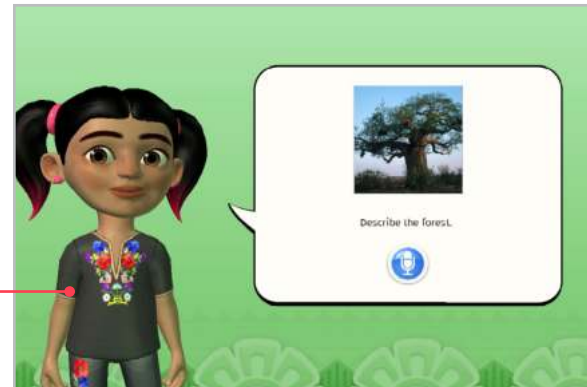All for Literacy

Open-Ended Responses

TELPAS example

Students are asked a question after a picture is displayed. They must describe at least three things in the picture and tell as much as they can.

How does Lexia English support this?

Students are given pictures and are guided through how to use correct verb tense and sentence structure to answer. By going through these grammar sequences, students are then able to produce answers to open-ended questions.
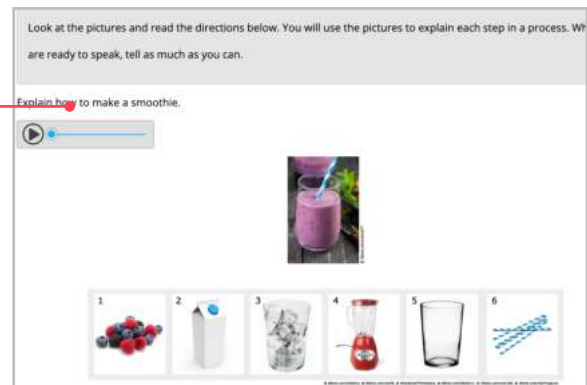
Lexia English example

Level 14, Ximena, encounter 2, conversation

Describe the forest.

Sequencing

TELPAS example

Students must either describe or place objects in order.

How does Lexia English support this?

Students listen to an audio clip on how to perform a sequencing action. They practice placing objects in order and speaking using sequencing terms.

Lexia English example

Level 6, Javier, encounter 3, listening

Look at the pictures and read the directions below. You will use the pictures to explain each step in a process. Wh are ready to speak, tell as much as you can.

Explain how to make a smoothie.

Put the chunks into the blender.

Peel the mangoes.

Buy fresh mangoes.

Cut the mangoes into chunks.

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Lexia is the Structured Literacy expert. For more than 30 years, the company has focused solely on literacy, and today provides a full spectrum of solutions for both students and teachers. With robust offerings for differentiated instruction, personalized learning, assessment, and professional learning, Lexia helps more learners read, write, and speak with confidence.

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