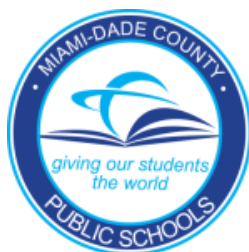


Miami-Dade County Public Schools
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Office of Adult and Community Education
Adult ESOL Program



CASAS For Students In The Classroom



What is CASAS?

CASAS stands for:

The **C**omprehensive **A**dult **S**tudent **A**ssessment **S**ystem (CASAS)

CASAS measures English skills in:

- **Reading**



- **Listening**



Who has to take the CASAS Test?



The Florida Department of Education (DOE) requires students take placement tests before entering an ESOL program, and post-test after classroom instruction to measure learning gains.

All students registered in Miami- Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Adult ESOL Programs will take the proper standardized Comprehensive Adult Students Assessment System (CASAS) assessment.

You can enroll in ESOL no matter what score you earn in CASAS.

Adult Centers use your CASAS score to:

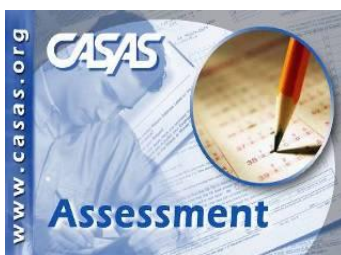
- ➡ Determine your English skill level
- ➡ Place you in the appropriate level to begin your studies



Beginning at the right level is critical to learning English. We want you to succeed. By knowing what areas you need help in, your instructors can work with you to strengthen your skills.

How Can I Learn More about CASAS?

You can talk with a school counselor or your teacher for more information.



Assessment Process Summary:

1. Screening
2. Pre-Test
3. Instruct
4. Post-Test

These are the ranges of the CASAS scores and levels:

SCALE SCORE	ADULT ESOL COURSE LEVEL
< 180 AND LITERATE IN NATIVE LANGUAGE	FOUNDATIONS
181 – 190	LOW BEGINNING
191 – 200	HIGH BEGINNING
201 – 210	LOW INTERMEDIATE
211 – 220	HIGH INTERMEDIATE
221 – 235	ADVANCED

Your placement level is based on the lower of the two scores (reading and listening).

Example: Reading Score = 192

Listening Score = 187

Level= Low Beginning

Make-Up Exams:

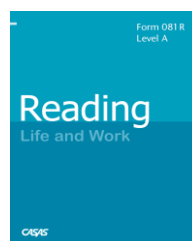


Sometimes circumstances force students to miss a scheduled test; however, arrangements can be made with instructors and the Assessment and Testing Center to make-up a missed exam. Make-up exams are very important.

CASAS Test Formats:






CASAS eTest



Paper and Pencil

CASAS LISTENING TESTS

The listening test is used to determine a student's ability to understand spoken English. There are three levels:

 <p>Level A Item Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picture Prompt – repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prompts in a test booklet Comprehension Question – repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations between two people Phone message recordings and conversations Recorded announcements and messages Predict Next Line – repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish conversation between two people <p>Testing Time: 35 minutes</p>	 <p>Level B Item Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehension Question – repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations between two people Phone message recordings and conversations Recorded announcements and messages Predict Next Line – repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish the conversation between two people Identify True Statement – not repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which is correct? Interpret statements or conversations <p>Testing Time: 40 minutes</p>	 <p>Level C Item Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehension Question – not repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations between two people Phone message recordings and conversations Recorded announcements and messages Identify True Statement – not repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which is correct? Interpret statements or conversations Predict Next Line – not repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish the conversation between two people <p>Testing Time: 30 minutes</p>
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Level A

All items are repeated

- **Picture Prompts** and the questions
- **Comprehension Questions**- Conversations between two people. Phone message recordings and recorded announcements
- **Predict Next Line**- Finish conversation between two people

35 Minutes

Level B

- **Comprehension Questions**- **Repeated** Conversations between two people. Phone message recordings and recorded announcements
- **Predict Next Line**- **Repeated** Finish conversation between two people
- **Identify True Statement** **Not Repeated**- Which is correct?

40 Minutes

Level C

No repetition

- **Comprehension Questions**- Conversations between two people. Phone message recordings and recorded announcements
- **Identify True Statement** Which is correct?
- **Predict Next Line**- **Finish** conversation between two people

30 Minutes

You can practice sample test items online at:
www.casas.org



**Click on Assessment.
 Then on Sample Test Items.**

PREPARING FOR THE POST TEST



- Practice sample test items on www.casas.
- Be on Time
- Bring #2 Pencil if taking a pen and paper test
- Think of the test as an opportunity to show what you know-a chance to see your progress
- Rest the night before the test
- Turn cell off
- Do not bring any calculators, dictionaries, or books
- Do not leave the room until you are dismissed

Reading-Sample Test Items- Level A

Practice 1 (Pencil and Paper)



What is he doing?

- A He's washing the dishes.
- B He's watching the children.
- C He's watering the plants.
- D He's cleaning the table.

CASAS etest

Practice 1



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Reading-Sample Test Items- Level B

Practice 1 (Pencil and Paper)

Please sign in and
have a seat. We will
call your name

What do you do first?

- A. call in
- B. sign in
- C. sit down
- D. say your name

CASAS etest

Practice 1



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have a seat. We will
call your name.

What do you do first?



<u>A</u>	call in	<u>C</u>	sit down
<u>B</u>	sign in	<u>D</u>	say your name

Reading-Sample Test Items- Level C

Practice 1 (Pencil and Paper)

TeleHealth Service

Now you can obtain health information 24 hours a day directly from your home telephone. Call in to our toll-free number and choose one of over 200 recorded messages that give you information on everything from common diseases to immunizations to lowering cholesterol.

What does TeleHealth offer?

- A. home health care
- B. information on health
- C. a 24-hour appointment line
- D. direct access to medical staff

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PREPARE FOR THE TEST

Here are some additional online sites you can use to increase your reading and listening skills:

www.esl-lab.com (reading and listening)

www.eflclub.com (reading)

www.livemocha.com (reading and listening)

www.mansioningles.com (reading and listening)

www.englishclub.com (reading and listening)

www.a4esl.org (reading)

www.seminolecasastest.edu (reading and listening)

<http://www.scc-fl.edu/adulted/els/pett/listening.htm> (listening)

<http://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mouserercise.htm>

(To practice using a computer mouse)

www.thewclc.ca

(Learning Edge)

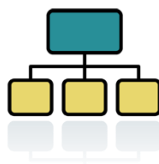
PREPARE FOR THE TEST

Test questions are presented in a variety of task areas, or display formats.

You can prepare for the test by practicing using the different formats.

Reading questions could have:

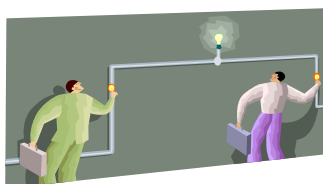
1. Forms
2. Charts, maps, consumer billings, matrices, graphs, or tables
3. Stories, articles, paragraphs, sentences, directions, or pictures
4. Signs, price tags, ads, or product labels
5. Measurement scales and diagrams



PREPARE FOR THE TEST

Listening questions could have:

1. Picture prompt
2. Comprehension question
3. Predict next line of dialogue
4. Identify true statement based on prompt



Example:

1. Who is speaking?

Listen to a conversation where you will identify the speaker.

"This is the office of Dr. Perez, we are sorry but we have to cancel your appointment for tomorrow and re-schedule it for next week."

Who is speaking?

- a. A nurse
- b. A doctor
- c. An office assistant
- d. A patient

2. Which is the best answer to the following statement?

Good Morning, how are you?

1. It is a good day.
2. I'm fine thank you and you?
3. My sister is doing well.

GOALS

Setting goals will help you focus and accomplish your dreams. Students are encouraged to write down an educational goal at the beginning of their studies.

MY EDUCATIONAL GOAL

What :

When:

How:

Where:



This report will tell you how you did on your test. Ask your teacher to discuss with you.

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Student Performance by Competency
4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School
Test Dates between 07/01/2003 and 06/30/2004

Agency: 4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School
Site: 2 - South Campus
Class: 6612 - ESL Intermediate
Course:
Form: 033R - Life Skills Reading Level B
Student: Barroco, Manuel - 599661104

Teacher: 213 - White, Kelly

Instructional Program: ESL
Test Date: 09/04/2003
Raw Score: 15
Scale Score: 204

Item	Comp No.	Correct?	Competency Description
1	2.2.1.2	Yes	Ask for, give, follow, or clarify directions
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3	2.1.1.2	Yes	Use phone directory and related publications to locate info.
4	2.1.1.2	Yes	Use phone directory and related publications to locate info.
5	1.8.2.1	Yes	Interpret bank procedures, forms, writing checks
6	1.8.2.1	Yes	Interpret bank procedures, forms, writing checks
7	1.2.1.4	No	Interpret ads, labels, charts, etc to select goods, services
8	1.2.1.4	No	Interpret ads, labels, charts, etc to select goods, services
9	2.6.4.2	Yes	Interpret, order from restaurant menus, and compute costs
10	2.6.4.2	No	Interpret, order from restaurant menus, and compute costs
11	4.1.2.1	Yes	Follow proc. for applying for a job, incl. application forms

1 of 2

Unknown Zone

This column shows the description of the item

This column shows if the answer was correct

Ask your teacher if you have questions about this report.

Congratulations

You Are on Your Way to

SUCCESS!