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Student Performance and Progress

California Alternate Assessment for Science

PRACTICE TEST

**Directions for Administration
Grade 8**

Earth and Space Sciences

**Earth's Energy and Natural
Hazards**

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About the Practice Test Directions for Administration

The California Alternate Assessment (CAA) for Science *Directions for Administration (DFA)* contains information needed by test examiners to prepare for and administer one practice embedded performance task (PT). This *DFA* contains specific information about this PT, including

- student engagement and student response;
- the concept of individualization;
- orienting activities and graphics for the orienting activities,
- the associated script for the online test questions, and
- a complete list of materials needed for the administration of the performance task and suggestions for individualization, if needed.

Additional Information




- [How to Start a Practice Test Session for the CAAs web document:](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caaqrpractice.pdf)
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caaqrpractice.pdf>
- [California Alternate Assessments web page—](https://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/caa/)
<https://www.caaspp.org/administration/about/caa/>
- *CAA Practice Test Scoring Guide—Grade 8—Earth and Space Sciences—Earth's Energy—Natural Hazards (PDF)*
 - <https://www.caaspp.org/rsc/pdfs/CAA.Science.PT-Scoring-Guide.Grade8.Earth-and-Space-Sciences.Earths-Energy.pdf>

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Using the Directions for Administration

This *DFA* contains the script for administration of this CAA for Science embedded PT. Keyword instructions for test examiners will be as follows:

Instruction in the <i>DFA</i>	How the Test Examiner Should Proceed
SAY	 <p>The test examiner reads the material out loud to the student.</p>
POINT TO	 <p>The test examiner points to the information on the screen.</p>
READ each option and POINT TO <i>or</i> POINT TO and SAY	 <p>What is the total number of flowers? The test examiner reads <i>each option</i> on the screen out loud while pointing to the graphics or text on the screen.</p>
DO	<p>The test examiner performs an action. Actions are listed as bullet points.</p>

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Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment

Within the *DFA* is a column that provides *Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment*. The alternative text in this column should be used to describe images for a student who is not able to fully access the images or videos used in the assessment.

The alternative text is intended to be a supplement to the administration script and should not be used in place of the administration script. Where the administration script prompts a test examiner to “POINT TO” an image, the test examiner would instead read the relevant alternative text to the student. The alternative text can be repeated based on a student’s need or request. The alternative text should be read exactly as it is written in the *DFA*, without clarification or rephrasing.

Entering Student Responses

The CAAs are designed for one-on-one administration between a student and a test examiner familiar with the student. When able, a student should enter responses directly into the testing device. In some cases, the test examiner may select the responses indicated by the student through alternate communication modes such as gestures, eye gaze, or alternative communication devices. In all cases, responses must come from the student and not from the test examiner. **Hand-over-hand or other physical prompting by the test examiner is *not* permitted.**

Videos

Videos are sometimes used to provide demonstrations of scientific phenomena in the CAA for Science. **These videos do not contain audio.** Some videos have accompanying text in the *DFA* that the test examiner must read to the student.

Videos may be paused or replayed as many times as needed. A student or test examiner may change the playback speed (i.e., 0.5X, 1X, 1.5X, and 1.75X) on the progress bar as necessary to ensure the student is able to process the content.

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Student Engagement and PT Completion

Establishing and maintaining student engagement is important to the successful administration of the CAA for Science. The test examiner may pause testing if the student is no longer engaged, is not actively participating, or is showing signs of behavioral or functional concerns related to the test and resume testing at a later time as appropriate for the student. The test may be paused and resumed as many times as necessary to allow the student to perform well, including testing over multiple days. If a student does not regain productivity and engagement, even after allowing breaks over multiple days, a test examiner may decide that it is in the best interest of the student to stop administering the performance task. In this case, the test examiner may advance through the remaining test items and then submit the performance task.

A student should be administered as much content of each PT as possible. Take the time necessary to elicit the student's best performance on each test question. A student should use the mode(s) of communication used in daily instruction.

Take advantage of options for individualization if offered in this *DFA*, and remember that test examiners can always use accommodations and resources to best meet a student's individual needs, as documented in the student's individualized education program (IEP). Please note that *all items may be individualized* based upon the student's IEP.

Selecting the No Response Option

Ultimately, the professional judgment of a test examiner who is familiar with the student will ensure each student gets the best opportunity possible to demonstrate what the student knows and can do. For cases where the student is presented with a question and does **not** provide a response, a "No Response" option is available for each test question and is found in the context menu (≡) in the upper right corner of the screen or by right-clicking anywhere on screen. Test examiners then select the "No Response" option and proceed to the next question. Please remember that test examiners should use this option only if they have presented the item (i.e., read the item and the Directions for Administration script) to the student and the student did not provide a response, despite the test examiner's best efforts to elicit a response. Test examiners can quickly identify which questions have been marked as "No Response" by selecting the "Mark for Review" feature (in addition to "Mark as No Response") also found in the context menu for each question. Marked questions will appear with a flag on the review screen.

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No Response Option Versus Next

Presented Test Question to Student?	Student Response	Test Examiner Action
Yes	Student provides no response	Select no response option from context menu
No	Student has become unresponsive and test examiner determines that it is best for the student to end the performance task.	Select next button to continue through to end of performance task and then select submit button.

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Individualization

All items may be individualized based upon the student's IEP. This *DFA* provides test examiners with guidelines on how to individualize the orienting activities and designated items.

Like other standardized assessments, the CAA for Science should be administered to each student in a consistent manner according to the directions provided, with variations only as specified in each student's IEP. However, to maximize engagement for *all* students, the CAA for Science sometimes offers additional options for individualization in specific orienting activities and test questions.

This *DFA* specifies additional individualization options. Individualization based on the student's IEP is also permitted. As you prepare to administer this PT to a student, decide if individualization is appropriate. If so, gather the alternative materials before you start testing with the student. A student should carry out activities to the greatest extent possible, but if the student is unable to do so, the test examiner should manipulate the materials to conduct the activity. A summary of all materials that may be needed for this embedded PT can be found on page 17 in [appendix A](#).

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Preparation for the Orienting Activities

The orienting activities prepare the student for the actual test questions. The first orienting activity introduces concepts covered in the first five questions of the embedded PT. The second orienting activity introduces concepts covered in the last five questions.

As the test examiner, you may substitute objects that are more familiar to the student for these activities.

Orienting activities sometimes make use of graphics or other manipulatives that are external to the test delivery system and sometimes use videos or graphics that are within the test delivery system. Be sure to have graphics and manipulatives ready before starting the test session. Refer to [appendix A](#) for a complete listing of all materials that may be needed for this embedded PT.

Orienting Activity 1—Earth's Energy

The purpose of this activity is for the student to observe examples of materials found on and in the surface of the Earth that are used to meet human needs.

In this orienting activity, the student will observe a picture of a person panning for gold and a picture of soil and how these are used to meet human needs.

Orienting Activity 2—Natural Hazards

The purpose of this activity is for the student to observe an example of a common natural hazard that can be predicted.

In this orienting activity, the student will watch a video of a volcanic eruption that can be predicted and prepared for.

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Test Administration Scripts for the Embedded Performance Task

Log the student on to the test delivery system now.

Script for Orienting Activity 1—Earth’s Energy

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>SAY:</p> <p>The Earth provides us many things. Some are under the surface and some are on the surface.</p> <p>DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Graphic 1 to the student. <p>POINT TO Graphic 1 and SAY:</p> <p>This picture shows a person panning for gold. Gold comes from underground.</p> <p>DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Graphic 2 to the student. <p>POINT TO Graphic 2 and SAY:</p> <p>This picture shows a person growing food in a garden. The soil on the surface is an important Earth material that we use to grow food.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE:</p> <p><i>(Graphic 1) The picture shows a person panning for gold.</i></p> <p><i>(Graphic 2) The picture shows a person growing tomatoes in a garden.</i></p>

Optional Individualization	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>The test examiner can use pictures from instruction in place of Graphics 1 – 2.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE:</p> <p><i>Use the same verbal prompts as above substituting descriptions of the individualized pictures for Graphic 1 – 2.</i></p>

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This concludes Orienting Activity 1. Begin testing on the next screen.

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Scripts for the First Set of Test Questions

No. 1

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>POINT TO the picture and SAY: This shows soil and rock layers. POINT TO the symbols in the key and SAY: This means soil and this means rock. READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE: <i>The picture shows a cross section of land. The land is made up of a layer of soil above a layer of rock.</i></p>

No. 2

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play the video. <p>As the video plays SAY: This video shows air moving across a field and picking up dirt. READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE: <i>[As the video plays] The video shows a field. The air starts moving across the field, picks up dirt, and blows it away.</i></p>

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No. 3

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play the video. <p>As the video plays SAY:</p> <p>This video shows the effect moving water has on materials.</p> <p>READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE:</p> <p><i>The video shows a clear jar filled halfway with water. An inch of dirt is added, followed by an inch of sand, which is followed by an inch of gravel. The jar is then shaken up and the contents are combined. After the jar is shaken, the gravel goes to the bottom with some of the sand and dirt. Some of the sand and dirt stay mixed in with the water.</i></p>

No. 4

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>POINT TO the picture and SAY:</p> <p>This shows a landscape.</p> <p>READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE:</p> <p><i>The picture shows a field. The Sun and clear skies are on the left. There are clouds on the right.</i></p>

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No. 5

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>POINT TO the picture and SAY: This shows air moving over the land. Part A READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read. Part B READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE: <i>The picture shows the Sun above clouds on the left and clear skies on the right. An arrow labeled cool air points down from the clouds. An arrow labeled warm air points up from the sunlit ground. An arrow labeled wind points from the cool land toward the warm land.</i></p>

This concludes the first half of this embedded PT. Prepare for Orienting Activity 2 before proceeding to the next screen.

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Script for Orienting Activity 2—Natural Hazards

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play the video. <p>As the video plays SAY:</p> <p>Here a volcano is erupting. People normally have time to get to safety when a volcano erupts because there are warning signs before it happens.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE:</p> <p><i>The video shows an island. On one side of the island is an erupting volcano with smoke and lava coming out of the top. There is a town on the other side of the island.</i></p>

This concludes Orienting Activity 2. Continue testing on screens No. 6 through 10, which correspond to on-screen sequence numbers.

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Scripts for the Second Set of Test Questions

No. 6

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE: <i>The picture shows heavy rain.</i> <i>The picture shows a cracked street.</i></p>

No. 7

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>POINT TO the picture and SAY: This shows an ocean flood. READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE: <i>The picture shows a city about to be covered in water from a big wave.</i></p>

No. 8

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>POINT TO the map and SAY: This shows the chance of landslides in three states. POINT TO and READ each part of the key and then each corresponding part of the map. READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE: <i>The map is titled Landslides of Western States. The key shows low chance as dark green, moderate chance as yellow, and high chance as orange. The map shows that California has a long strip of orange along the coast of the state, Nevada has a few yellow spots, and Arizona has a dark green area in the lower part of the state.</i></p>

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No. 9

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>POINT TO the graph and SAY: This graph shows the average number of lightning strikes per year in three states.</p> <p>POINT TO each bar on the graph and SAY: South Carolina has about a half million lightning strikes a year, Texas has about 3 million lightning strikes a year, and Kansas has about 1 million lightning strikes a year.</p> <p>READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p><i>None</i></p>

No. 10

Administration Script	Alternative Text for a Student with Visual Impairment
<p>POINT TO the map and SAY: This shows the chance of volcano eruptions in three states.</p> <p>POINT TO and READ each part of the key and then each corresponding part of the map.</p> <p>Part A</p> <p>READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p> <p>Part B</p> <p>READ the item and POINT TO each option as it is read.</p>	<p>DESCRIBE:</p> <p><i>The map is titled Chance of Volcano Eruptions. The key shows low chance as a yellow triangle, moderate chance as an orange triangle, and high chance as a red triangle. Washington has a red triangle, Wyoming has an orange triangle, and California has a yellow triangle.</i></p> <p><i>The picture shows the key for low chance with the yellow triangle.</i></p> <p><i>The picture shows the key for moderate chance with the orange triangle.</i></p> <p><i>The picture shows the key for high chance with the red triangle.</i></p>

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This concludes this practice embedded PT.

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Appendix A: Summary of Materials

This appendix contains a summary of the materials that may be used to individualize the orienting activities or certain test questions for a specific student. It may also contain a summary of the materials that are necessary for the administration of the orienting activities and certain test questions for all students. Please note that all items may be individualized based upon the student's IEP.

Student Interaction	DFA Page No.	Exemplar Materials	Optional Materials for Individualization
Orienting Activity— Earth's Energy	8	Graphics 1 – 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The test examiner can use pictures from instruction in place of Graphics 1 – 2.
Orienting Activity 1— Natural Hazards	13	Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

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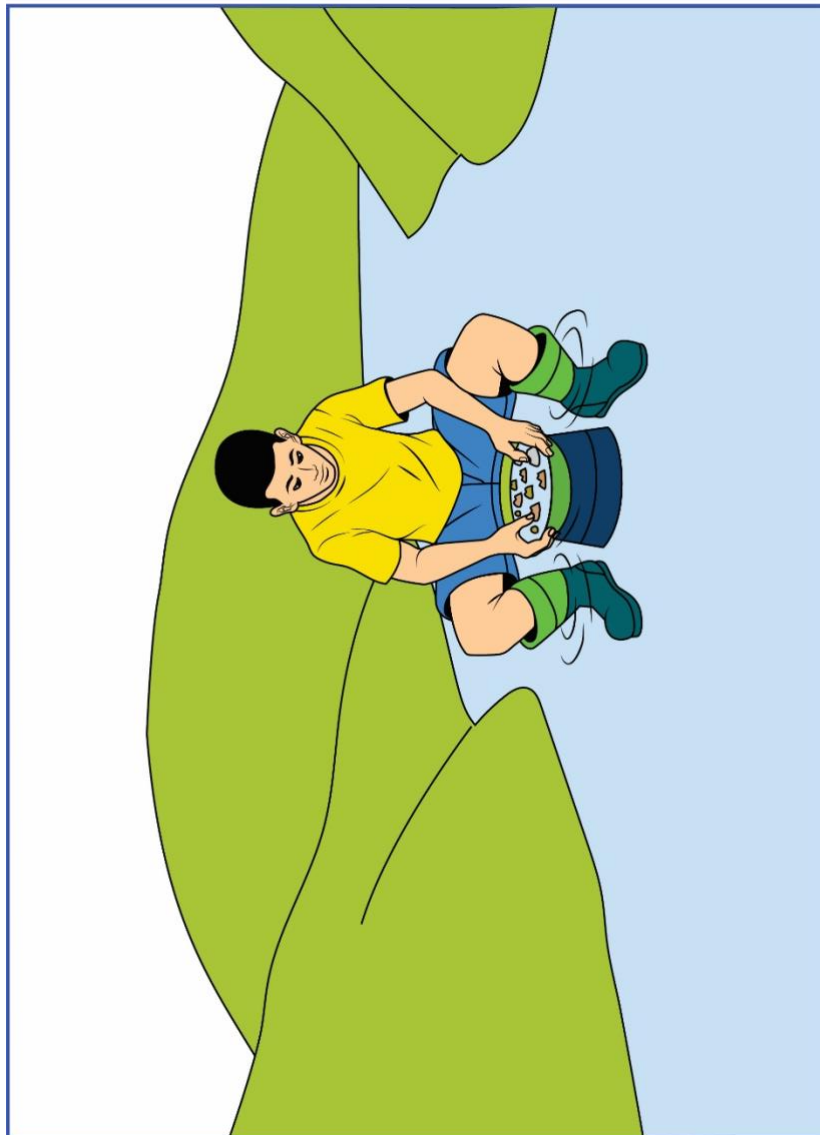
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Appendix B: Graphics

Graphic 1

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Graphic 2

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