SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SC READY ELA 3-5
Test Blueprint 2026-27

Test Design Summary

- This blueprint is for assessing the *2024 South Carolina College-and-Career-Ready ELA Standards*.
- The assessment is not timed.
- The assessment is administered in three sessions: Writing, Reading Part A, and Reading Part B.
- The assessment consists of 50 operational items.
- There will be embedded field test items across all sessions.
- Test items cover a range of cognitive complexity levels and a range of difficulty levels.
- Item types that may appear are included on the Item Types and Descriptions for ELA 3-5.
- All linked and additional SC READY resources are available on the Assessment Quick Links for Teachers page accessible via the "Educators" button on the South Carolina Department of Education webpage.

Sessions and Reporting Categories

This table outlines the sessions, reporting categories, indicators within a reporting category, and the number of items assessed per reporting category on the test.

Session	Reporting Categories	Indicators Within Reporting Categories	Number of Items per Reporting Category
Reading Session	Reading Literary Text	AOR.1.1 AOR.1.2 AOR.2.1 AOR.3.1 AOR.5.1 AOR.6.1(a)	8-12
	Reading Informational Text	AOR.2.2 AOR.4.1 AOR.5.2 AOR.5.3 AOR.6.1(b)	8-12
	Reading (vocabulary) Across Genres	AOR.7.1 AOR.8.1 AOR.9.1	7-10

Session	Reporting Categories	Indicators Within Reporting Categories	Number of Items per Reporting Category
Writing Session	Writing	C.1.1 C.2.1 C.3.1 C.4.1 C.5.1	14-16 plus one 4-point TDW Item
	Research and Evaluating Ideas	R.1.1 R.1.2 R.1.3* R.1.4* *Not assessed at grade 3.	6-8
Total Number of Items Including TDW			**50**

Text-Dependent Writing (TDW)

The TDW item is an extended response item scored with a holistic rubric. The point range of the rubric is 1 (lowest) to 4 (highest). The maximum number of points for the TDW item is 4. There are two TDW Rubrics for SC READY grades 3-5: TDW Rubric for Grades 3-4 and TDW Rubric for Grades 5-6.

Depth of Knowledge (DOK) Range

This table outlines the minimum and maximum percentages of items at each DOK level on the test.

DOK Level	Min./Max. % of Items on Test
1	0-16
2	76-92
3	4-16