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The English Benchmark Young Learners app and emulator can both be used to test students in classrooms or remotely. In each case it is important to have a clear test plan. The following steps are recommended when students are taking the test at home, they will need support from parents and guardians.

1. Set out a test plan
2. Decide when the real tests will be run.
3. Consider how and when you will prepare students for the test.
 - If students are using the emulator, you can share your screen with a small group of them, and advise them on how to answer using the keyboard and mouse.
 - If using the app, connect your tablet to your screen so you can demonstrate it online. If this is not possible, you may find it easier to use the emulator as the items are the same.
 - Once students know how to answer questions, they can practice anytime using the free practice questions and unscored practice tests. It is important that they understand how to answer questions before practicing at home to avoid mistakes.
4. Decide how you will support the parents and guardians if they have questions.
5. Notify parents and guardians of the plan.

Suggested wording for invites is provided below. It covers the following points.

- Inform them that their child has been assigned an English Benchmark Young Learners test.
 - Let them know that it can be taken via an app or emulator as preferred. As the tests are the same in each, we recommend you let them choose the format based on their devices. Please note an iOS version of the emulator will be released soon.
 - If using the emulator, tell them which version to download (this is not necessary for the app).
 - Include dates for completing key actions.
 - You may prefer to send real test codes out on the test day, so they are not used in advance.
6. Attach copies of the user guides with the invites so they know how to download and use the app or emulator before, during and after the test.
 - Encourage them to read the guide, try out test questions in advance, plan time for setting up the test room, and being available when the test is taken.
 7. Send reminders if necessary.
 8. Prepare the students in advance
 9. Monitor students. test progress on the portal.
 - Contact the parent/guardian if it looks as if the test status does not change or results are not received as they may need help.
 10. Review the results to plan learning goals for each student and the class.

For further advice, please contact your local Pearson representative.

Suggested English Benchmark Young Learners test invites for parents and guardians

Remote testing invite for emulator and app

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been given an English Benchmark *Young Learners* test. This fun, online test will assess your child's English language skills and identify the support they need to improve their skills. It measures reading, listening, writing, and speaking skills.

The test can be taken on the English Benchmark Young Learners app (for tablets) or with the English Benchmark emulator (for PCs). You can choose the format you prefer based on the devices you use at home. The test is the same and both applications are free to download and easy to install. User guides describing the system requirements are attached for both options. Some information on the app and emulator is given below along with steps required before and during the test.

English Benchmark Young Learners Emulator

- To use the emulator, you will need
 - a Windows PC with a keyboard and mouse
 - a headset with a microphone boom (cordless headsets are not recommended)
- The emulator can be downloaded from Pearson (described in the user guide)
- Different versions are available based on the test your child is taking. The version you need for this test is given below.

English Benchmark Young Learners app:

- To use the app, you will need
 - an android tablet or an iPad
 - a single jack headset with a microphone boom.
- The app can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple app store

Before the test

- A few days before the test install your preferred application to make sure it is working.
- Teachers will familiarise your child with the test questions.
- You can also help them prepare as both applications contain free unscored sample questions and an unscored practice test. Information on these is also given in the user guides.

On the test day

- Make sure your child is accompanied by an adult in case they need help. Please do not answer questions for them as the results of the test will help identify their learning needs and improve their skills.
- Ensure they have a quiet room to work in (background noise, including fans, voices, or street noise can prevent recorded answers being scored)
- To start the real test, you will need to enter a test code (given below). Please do not use it before the date given as it can only be used once.

Test details

Test code:

Test dates:

Time required to take test:

If using the emulator, please down the following version:

Target date for installing app/emulator:

[Optional practice content to be completed by:](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:

Thank you.

Remote testing invite for emulator only

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been given an English Benchmark Young Learners test. This fun, online test will assess your child's English language skills and identify the support they need to improve their skills. It measures reading, listening, writing, and speaking skills.

The test will be taken on an application called the Pearson English Benchmark Emulator which you can download to your PC or laptop. A user guide describing how it works and the system requirements is attached. Some information is also given below, along with steps required before and during the test.

English Benchmark Young Learners emulator

- To use the emulator, you will need
 - a Windows PC with a keyboard and mouse
 - a headset with a microphone boom (cordless headsets are not recommended)
- The emulator can be downloaded from Pearson (described in the user guide).
- Different versions are available based on the test your child is taking. The option you need for this test is given below.

Before the test

- A few days before the test, install the English Benchmark Young Learners emulator to make sure it is working.
- Teachers will familiarise your child with the test questions.
- You can also help them prepare as both applications contain free unscored sample questions and an unscored practice test. Information on these is also given in the user guides.

On the test day

- Make sure your child is accompanied by an adult in case they need help. Please do not answer questions for them as the results of the test will help identify their learning needs and improve their skills.
- Ensure they have a quiet room to work in (background noise, including fans, voices, or street noise can prevent recorded answers being scored)
- To start the real test, you will need to enter a test code (given below). Please do not use it before the date given as it can only be used once.

Test details

Test code:

Test dates:

Time required to take test:

Level of emulator to be downloaded:

Target date for installing app/emulator:

Optional practice content to be completed by:

If you have any questions, please contact:

Thank you.

Remote testing invite for app

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been given an English Benchmark Young Learners test. This fun, online test will assess your child's English language skills and identify the support they need to improve their skills. It measures reading, listening, writing and speaking skills.

The test is taken on an app for android tablets and iPads. A user guides describing the system requirements is attached. Some information on the app is given below along with steps required before and during the test.

English Benchmark Young Learners app:

- To use the app, you will need
 - an android tablet or an iPad (it is not suitable for mobile phones)
 - a single jack headset with a microphone boom.
- The app can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple app store

Before the test

- A few days before the test install the app to make sure it is working.
- Teachers will familiarise your child with the test questions.
- You can also help them prepare as the app contains free unscored sample questions and an unscored practice test. Information on these is also given in the user guides.

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Test dates:

Time required to take test:

Target date for installing app:

Optional practice content to be completed by:

If you have any questions, please contact:

Thank you.