

# Device Readiness & Student Practice Exercise

This exercise has been created to make sure you and your students are prepared on test day. The following tasks should be completed prior to the actual test day. While you don't have to complete everything in this plan, it is important to at least perform the device readiness check prior to test day.

## Objectives

- Provide students an orientation to the test
- Confirm that student devices meet testing requirements
- Ensure that students know how to log in
- Allow an opportunity for students to practice taking a few test questions

## Approximate Length

1 hour

## Steps

1. Watch introduction video
2. Device readiness—check student workstations
3. Practice logging in
4. Try a practice test

## Students Will Need

- Device they plan to use for testing
- NWEA Secure Testing app (K–2 using an iPad)
- Internet Browser (Google Chrome preferred)
- Headphones (K–2 or using Text-to-Speech)

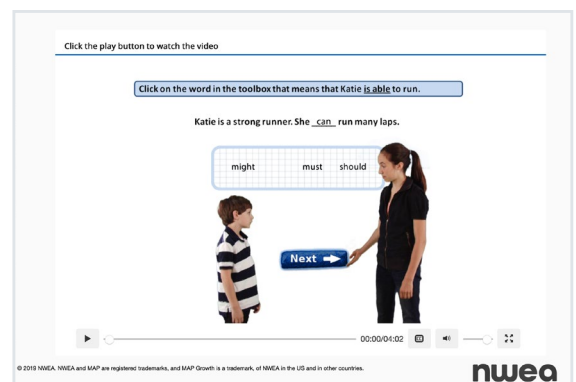
## Step 1: Watch the Introduction Video for MAP Growth

Open a browser and go to: [studentresources.nwea.org](https://studentresources.nwea.org) .

Next, select the appropriate grade level for your students, and then choose “What’s This Test About?”



**Tip:** Videos are available with Spanish captions when selecting the CC symbol on the video player.



The screenshot shows a video player interface. At the top, it says "Click the play button to watch the video". Below that, a text box contains the instruction: "Click on the word in the toolbox that means that Katie is able to run." The video content shows a boy and a girl talking. The boy says, "Katie is a strong runner. She can run many laps." Below the video, there is a word bank with the words "might", "must", and "should". A blue "Next" button with a right-pointing arrow is visible. At the bottom of the video player, there is a progress bar showing "00:00/01:02" and the NWEA logo.

## Step 2: Device Readiness—Check Student Workstations

Either follow the directions in this exercise or have students complete the [Device Readiness Check](#). Below fourth grade, we recommend that a parent/caregiver assist with the exercise.

1. Direct students to open a browser and go to: [check.nwea.org](https://check.nwea.org)

After a few seconds, students should see the banner at the top change from “Loading... Please wait” to either a green checkmark for pass or a red “X” for fail.



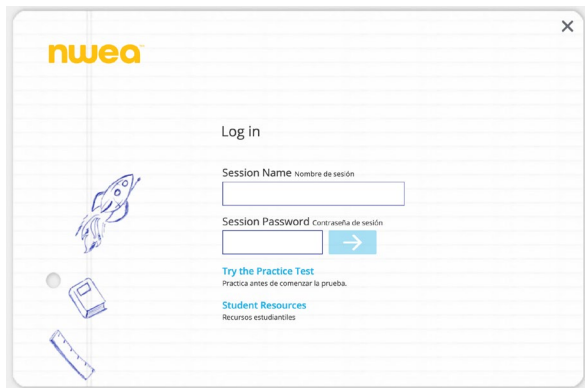
✓ This machine has passed the check. [TEST AGAIN](#)  
Devices that pass this check are much less likely to encounter issues that may disrupt testing. We recommend running this check on several workstations, in each testing lab, prior to your first day of testing.



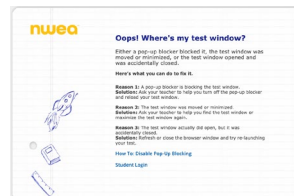
✗ This machine has failed the check. [TEST AGAIN](#)  
⚠ Please contact your Network Administrator. If you need additional help resolving these issues please contact NWEA Partner Support.

Any failures should be fixed. Refer to the [System Requirements](#) for the minimum device requirements for testing. For additional help, please contact [Partner Support](#).

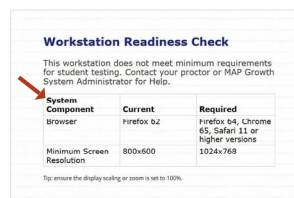
2. Once student devices have passed, tell students to go to: [test.mapnwea.org](https://test.mapnwea.org)



Students should see the login page.



If students only see the “Oops! Where’s my test window?”, they will need to disable pop-up blockers on their device.



If students see the “Workstation Readiness Check” error, review the “System Component” column to determine the updates needed for their device.




**Tip:** For Chromebooks getting the screen resolution error: Ctrl+Shift+0, then refresh browser.

3. Verify that students see the login page. Once they do, their devices have met the minimum requirements for testing.

## Step 3: Try a Practice Test

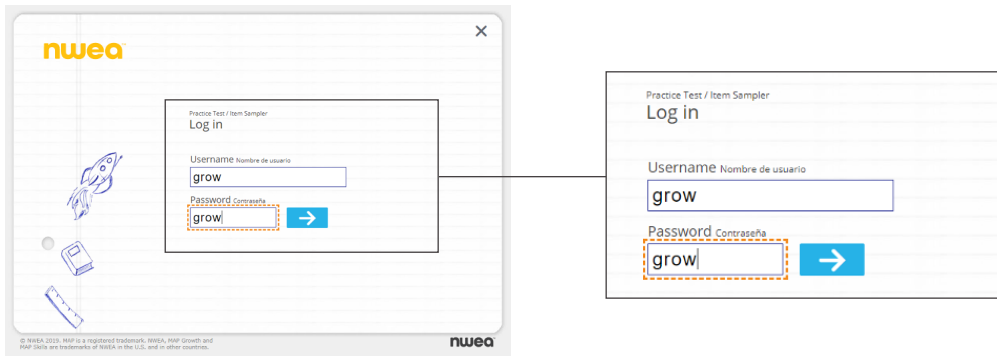
The practice test has only a few questions and will not be scored. It provides an opportunity for students to become familiar with the test question format.

1. Ask students to open a browser and go to: [practice.mapnwea.org](https://practice.mapnwea.org) .

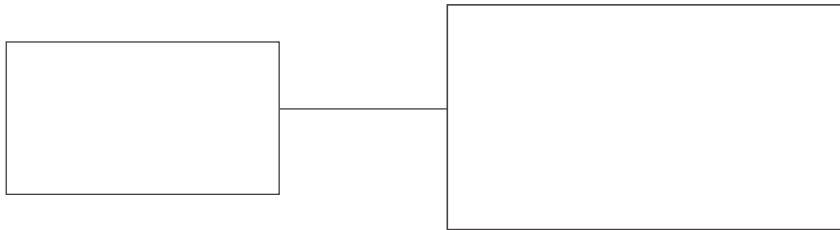
2. Tell students to type in:

**Username:** grow

**Password:** grow



3. Have students select grade, subject, test language, and test from the drop-down menu.



If students need Spanish directions during the test, select the “Mostrar instrucciones en español” checkbox in the top right corner.

4. Tell students to select the “Exit Test” button or close the application when they are done.