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Guide to Practice Activities & Released Testlets Summer 2014

DLM has prepared two practice activities and many released testlets for educators who wish to have a sneak peek before operational testing.

- The **practice activities** are designed to familiarize users with the way testlets look in the KITE system. One is for teachers and the other is for students.
- The **released testlets** are similar to the real testlets used in the field tests.

Practice activities and released testlets are accessed through KITE in the practice section. Using login information provided in this guide, both types of activities can be completed as many times as desired.

If you have questions or technical problems with the practice activities or released testlets, please contact the Help Desk at 1-855-277-9751 (toll-free) or DLM-support@ku.edu. The Help Desk is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time during Summer 2014.

Teacher Practice Activity

The **teacher practice activity** is a tutorial about testlets that are administered directly by the teacher. Teacher-administered testlets are used when:

- the content requires real-world interactions that cannot be assessed via computer or
- the student has presymbolic communication and cannot interact directly with the computer.

In this type of testlet, teachers read the instructions on the screens and follow them. They enter the student's responses to activities or exchanges that occur outside the system.

Most of these testlets require teachers to gather materials to be used in the assessment. Directions for how to prepare for the testlet are provided as "educator directions" on the first screen(s).

Users may go forward and backward within a testlet as much as needed before submitting the answers.

Student Practice Activity

The **student practice activity** is a tutorial about testlets that are administered directly to the student. Student-administered testlets are used when:

- the content can be assessed directly by computer, **AND**
- the student can interact with the system directly and select his or her own answer, using assistive devices as needed.

Students may navigate using a mouse, tab and enter on a keyboard, or with switches. If the student **can** engage with the content but **cannot** advance the screens or input answers independently, the teacher may navigate the screens and record the student's answers on his or her behalf. More information about allowable adaptations will be available to educators participating in operational testing.

There are three kinds of items in the student practice activity:

- multiple-choice items, in which the student selects one or more correct answers.
- sorting items, in which the student selects and moves objects from one place to another. Some items require the student to click the selection and the destination. Others require students to drag and drop an image. Students who use switches may need help navigating some of these screens because switch support is still being improved in KITE.
- Matching items, in which the student identifies how pairs of items are related to one another.

Students may go forward and backward within a testlet as much as needed before submitting answers.

Released Testlets

Released testlets are similar to real field test testlets. They are selected from a variety of Essential Elements and linkage levels across grades 3 through high school. New released testlets are added periodically.

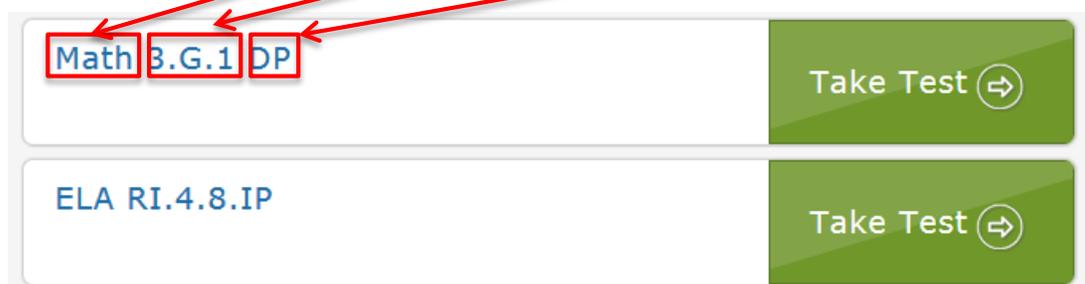
Remember that testlets contain items that align to nodes at the designated linkage level. The linkage levels are:

- Initial Precursor (IP)
- Distal Precursor (DP)
- Proximal Precursor (PP)
- Target (T)
- Successor (S)

Testlets administered by teachers are typically at the Initial Precursor linkage level.

Testlets designed for students to take directly are typically at the other four linkage levels.

In KITE, released testlets are labeled by their subject, Essential Element, and linkage level.



To view the Essential Elements, linkage levels, and nodes used in Field Test #3, see the [Field Test #3 Educator Resource Page](#).

The following sections describe the step-by-step procedure to access the practice activities and released testlets.

Login Credentials

Practice activities and released testlets are available to field test participants through several practice student accounts.

Each practice student has been given certain Personal Needs and Preferences (PNP) Profile settings. These features are summarized in the table below. More information about PNP settings will be available to educators participating in operational testing.

Each of the practice students listed below is enrolled in all available practice activities and released testlets.

Name	Password	PNP features turned on
demo.sue28	sand3	Spoken audio: voice source = synthetic, read at start = false, spoken preference = text and graphics, audio for directions only = false. Contrast color: 
demo.sue29	wall3	None*
demo.sue30	swept	Switch: scan speed = 4 seconds, auto scan = manual override, auto repeat scan frequency = infinity
demo.sue31	topic	2x magnification
demo.sue33	void7	4x magnification and reverse contrast
demo.sue34	nine7	Color overlay (green)
demo.sue35	jar71	Switch: scan speed = 5 seconds, initial delay = 5 seconds, auto repeat scan frequency = 2
demo.sue36	stop3	Spoken audio: voice source = synthetic, read at start = false, spoken preference = NonVisual, audio for directions only = false.
demo.sue37	after	5x magnification

*No special settings are required for two-switch users. Use Tab to navigate, and Enter to select.

Accessing the Practice Activities and Released Testlets

To access the DLM practice activities and released testlets, follow these steps:

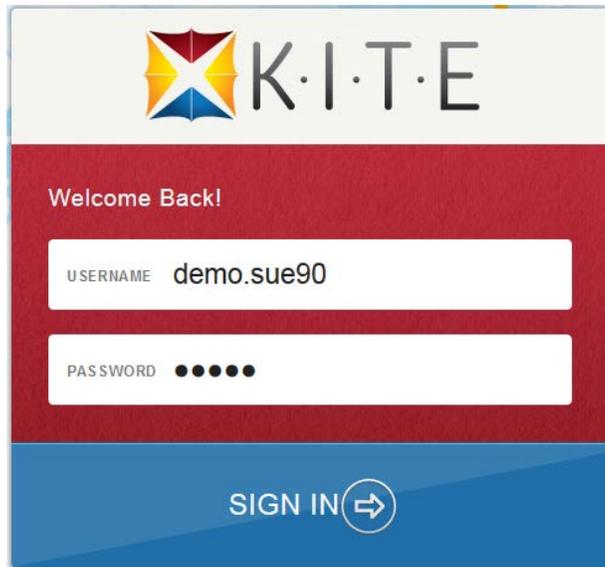
1. Click the **KITE Client** icon on the testing computer or iPad.



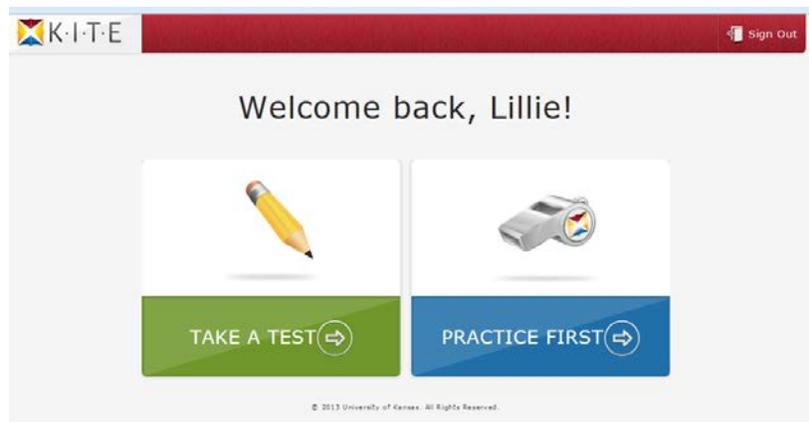
2. Click **Other Assessments**.



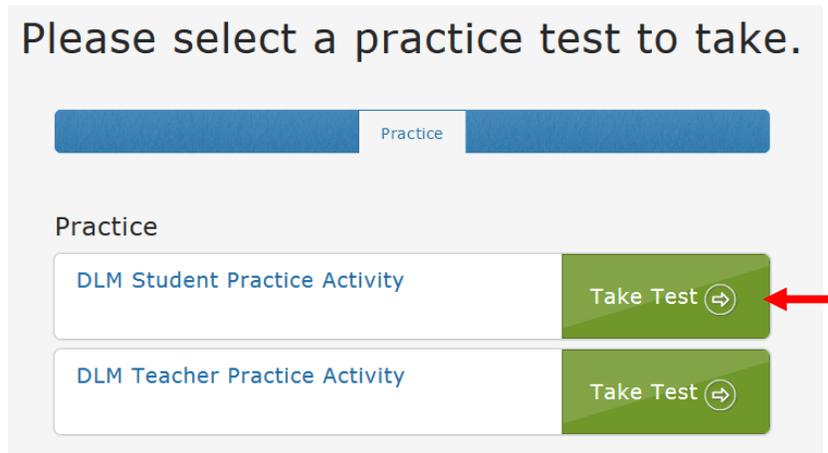
3. Enter the demo student's **Username** and **Password**; click **Sign In**.



4. Click **Practice First**.



5. Click **Take a Test** for the desired practice activity or released testlet.



6. Click **Begin**.
7. Continue with the activities, navigating using the **BACK** and **NEXT** buttons. To stop in the middle of a practice activity, use the **EXIT DOES NOT SAVE** button.



8. To try a different student profile, either complete a test or use the **EXIT DOES NOT SAVE** button to return to the welcome screen. Then **Sign Out** and sign back in with a different username and password.

