

Assessments for Low-Literacy ELLs

First Literacy – March 31, 2017

BEST Literacy

<http://www.cal.org/aea/bl/>

BEST Literacy is a print-based, combined test of reading and writing skills. The test uses authentic situations specifically geared for adult English language learners in the United States as the basis for test questions. BEST Literacy is aligned with the ESL descriptors of the National Reporting System and the Student Performance levels.

- Reading tasks include reading dates on a calendar, labels on food and clothing, bulletin announcements, and newspaper want ads.
 - Writing tasks include addressing an envelope, writing a rent check, filling out a personal background form, and writing personal notes.
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Basic Reading Skills - Adult Literacy Supplemental Assessment (ALSA)

<https://nces.ed.gov/naal/alsa.asp>

ALSA is designed to assess lower-level, basic reading skills. Participants who score low on the core screening questions are given ALSA instead of the main NAAL assessment booklet.

CASAS

<https://www.casas.org/>

Assessment rubrics and tests for all levels.