



TABE, Tests of Adult Basic Education

TABE 11&12 Domain Structure



The TABE 11&12 tests are secure, reliable, and valid assessments used to assess the achievement of examinees on core content areas taught and assessed as part of Adult Basic Education programs nationwide. The TABE test is aligned to the national College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education (OCTAE) for the three core subject areas: Reading, Mathematics, and Language. Descriptions of these three subjects are provided in this document.

TABE 11&12 Reading

TABE 11&12 Levels E/M/D/A Reading content reflects mature, life- and work-related situations and highlights overlapping Domains, from word-meaning skills to critical-thinking skills.

- These are measured using texts and forms familiar to everyday adult lives, as well as through excerpts that reflect cultural diversity.
- TABE 11&12 are based on OCTAE and College and Career Readiness standards for Adult Education, which focus largely on informational texts (e.g., research, scientific, historical information).
- The previous focus from TABE 9&10 on literary text (e.g. fiction, memoir, poetry) is significantly decreased in TABE 11&12.
- TABE 11&12 Level L:
 - Includes foundational reading and reading texts to assess beginning readers.
 - Presents students the opportunity to show any independent reading skills they currently have.

Content Area Reporting Domains	Covered Domains				
	L	E	M	D	A
READING					
Phonological Awareness	●				
Phonics and Word Recognition	●	●			
Key Ideas and Details	●	●	●	●	●
Craft and Structure	●	●	●	●	●
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	●	●	●	●	●

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TABE 11&12 Mathematics

TABE 11&12 Mathematics reflects math application, particularly routine tasks such as estimating quantities and making computations involving time, distance, weight, statistics, and equations.

- Items include mathematical contexts appropriate for adults.
- The Domain distribution at Level A is closely aligned with the national College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education.
- TABE 11&12 Level L is similar to that of TABE 9&10, in that the mathematics portion of the test is read aloud.

Content Area Reporting Domains	Covered Domains				
	L	E	M	D	A
MATHEMATICS					
Measurement and Data	•	•	•		
Number and Operations in Base Ten	•	•	•		
Number and Operations—Fractions		•	•		
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	•	•	•		
Geometry	•	•	•	•	•
Expressions and Equations			•	•	
Ratios and Proportional Relationships			•	•	
The Number System			•	•	
Statistics and Probability			•	•	•
Functions				•	•
Algebra					•
Number and Quantity					•

TABE 11&12 Language

The goal of adult language instruction is to build communication skills necessary for functioning effectively on the job and in daily life.

- TABE 11&12 Language assesses skills in grammar, usage, mechanics, sentence formation, and paragraph development. Understanding of word meaning and relationships, context, spelling, capitalization and punctuation in sentences, phrases, and clauses is included. Writing skills, such as introducing, concluding, and supporting a topic are assessed; as well as, editing and creating a cohesive tone across a topic.
- Items are presented in meaningful contexts that reflect the writing process as it is applied in life.
- TABE 11&12 Level L is similar to that of TABE 9&10, in that the language portion of the test is read aloud.

Content Area Reporting Domains	Covered Domains				
	L	E	M	D	A
LANGUAGE					
Conventions of Standard English	•	•	•	•	•
Knowledge of Language			•	•	
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	•	•	•	•	•
Text Types and Purposes		•	•	•	•