



## Sample Items and Performance Tasks Released by Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

On October 9, 2012, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium released [sample items and performance tasks](#) that are intended to help teachers, administrators and policymakers implement the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and prepare for the spring of 2015 administration of the Smarter Balanced assessments. The samples provide an early look into the depth of understanding of the CCSS that will be measured by the Smarter Balanced assessment system.

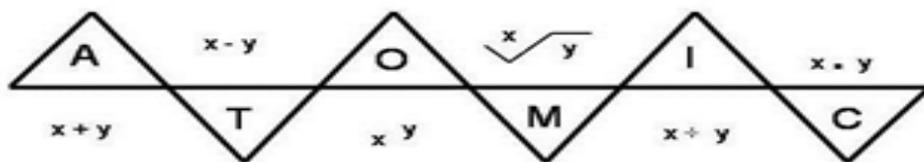
The sample items and tasks can be viewed by grade band (grades 3-5, 6-8, and high school) or content focus. They showcase the variety of item types—including technology-enhanced items and performance tasks—that will be included in the Smarter Balanced assessment system. In addition, items illustrating the connections across grades within the CCSS—as well as the range of student achievement within a [computer adaptive test](#)—are also available. Most constructed-response and technology-enhanced items can be scored automatically, and many items include downloadable scoring rubrics.

While the items and tasks are not intended to be used as sample tests, educators can use them to begin planning the shifts in instruction that will be required to help students meet the demands of the new assessments. Smarter Balanced welcomes feedback and questions on the sample items and tasks. Comments can be submitted through an [online form](#).

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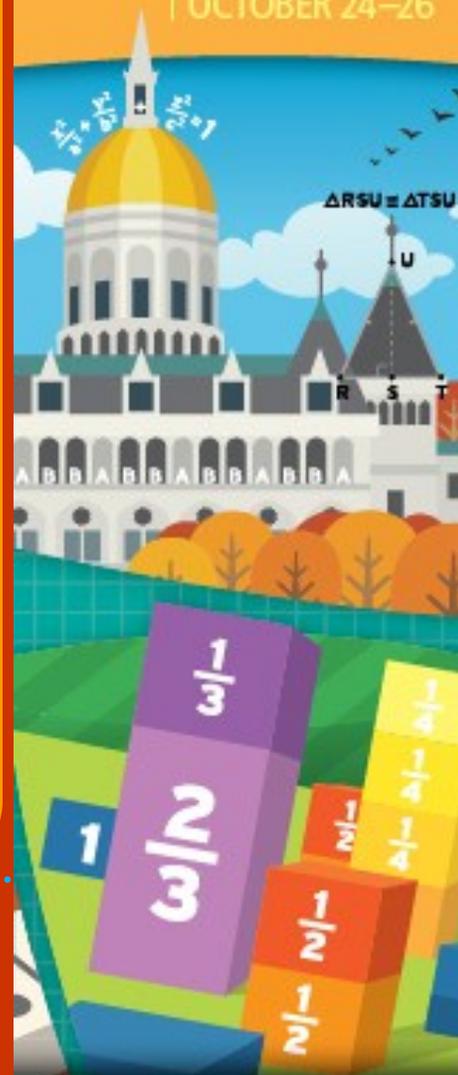
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