

PAIS

PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT
FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

Quick Guide

Designed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), Progressive Achievement for International Schools (PAIS) is an evidence-based online assessment tool for international schools to track and inform student progress throughout the year.

Assessments

Subject	Grade	Forms
English (60 minutes)	Grades 1-10	2 per grade level, take 9-12 months a part
Mathematics (60 minutes)		

The PAIS English and Mathematics assessments test students' skills in locating information, inferring, predicting, drawing conclusions, reasoning, interpreting data and problem solving.



English strands

- Reading comprehension
- Spelling
- Punctuation
- Grammar
- Vocabulary



Mathematics strands

- Number and algebra
- Measurement and geometry
- Space and shape
- Chance and data



Flexible, online
assessments



Instant, interactive
reports

For international schools

Built upon decades of international assessment experience, PAIS utilises ACER's signature Progressive Achievement approach to support international schools to use assessment data to inform targeted teaching.

PAIS is suitable for schools that use English as language of instruction. It assesses skills and concepts as they are taught in most curricula. Questions are suitable for a range of international contexts, as they have been designed with a light reading load and test content is culturally diverse.

The Progressive Achievement approach



Evidence

Using data to understand where students are in their learning



Supporting the next steps

Informing teaching and learning through:

- Setting personal stretch targets
- Development of teachers' capabilities
- The use of learning resources



Tracking progress

Monitoring growth of student achievement over time

To learn more, or register your school for a free 30-day trial, visit acer.org/pais
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Sample questions

The following text has punctuation missing.
Choose the correct punctuation for each blank space.



What is that 1
2 a bubble made from soap.
You need soap 3 water and a special ring
to make soap bubbles.

Choose the best option for space 1.

- ☐ . (full stop)
- ☐ ! (exclamation mark)
- ☐ ? (question mark)
- ☐ : (colon)

This clock shows the correct time.



Issam's watch shows



Issam's watch is

- ☐ 8 minutes slow.
- ☐ 12 minutes fast.
- ☐ 12 minutes slow.
- ☐ 8 minutes fast.

Reports

PAIS provides multiple instant reports on student performance to assist educators better understand where their students are positioned on the learning continuum.



Benchmark Report

Provides an overview of your results, including the average scale score for your school with comparisons to students internationally.



**Reliable and
informative**



**Easy to understand
and use**



Group Report

Provides comprehensive performance information for all students who have completed the assessment.



Strand Report

Provides scores for each skill area, allowing you to review the strengths and weaknesses of participating students.



Bands Report

Provides an overview of the distribution of participating students across the described achievement bands for each subject.



Individual Report

Provides comprehensive details on each student's individual performance.

Free webinar support

Our team provides regular webinar tutorials to support you in administering the assessment and utilising your results.

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