

Glossary (of sorts) for PARCC ELA Abbreviations

New Item Types

EBSR = Evidenced-based Selected Response. This is a Part B item in multiple choice or multiple select format that follows a traditional Part A multiple choice item. It asks what statement from the passage gives evidence for the correct answer to Part A.

TECR = Technology-Enhanced Constructed Response. These are items like drag and drop, sequencing the order of events in the plot, etc.

PCR = Prose Constructed Response. This is the major category for the new item type that requires prose-constructed responses. They are Literature Analysis Task, Narrative Task, and Research Simulation Task.

PBA = Performance-based Assessments are the Literature Analysis Task, Narrative Task, and Research Simulation Task.

LAT = Literature Analysis Task. In PARCC, it requires analyzing a prompt about two pieces of literature, e.g., a poem and an excerpt from a short story.

NT = Narrative Task. The student writes a continuation to single piece of literature. For example, it may be the continuation of the plot, creating an ending to the story, changing the point of view the story is told from, etc.

RST = Research Simulation Task. This involves three texts, one of which may be a 4-minute video clip. One written text is always the anchor text. The topic is almost always informational and usually asks for an argumentative essay that analyzes a prompt about the topic.

Types of Standards

RL = Reading Standards for Literature.

RI = Reading Standards for Literacy in Informational Text.

RH = Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies

***RST** = Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects

EOY = End-of-Year. This was the second window in the spring of 2015 PARCC assessment. The item types were quick scoring, e.g., multiple choice, multiple select, EBSR, TECR, etc. This second test will no longer exist in the spring 2016 PARCC assessment although quick scoring items types will exist in the PBA as they did last year.

**Note: The abbreviation (RST) for Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects is the same as the abbreviation (RST) for the Performance-based Task entitled Research Simulation Task.*