

Overview of Smarter Balanced Field Test

February 2014



Testing Specifics

Connecticut:

- Grades 3 – 8 and 11
- English language arts and mathematics

Manchester:

- March 15 – April 4 for grades 3-8
- April 7 – 11 and April 21 – 25 for grade 11



Testing Specifics

- Not timed, approximately 3 -4 hours to complete each content area
- Scheduled over multiple sessions of about 45 minutes each
- Constructed response (CR), multiple choice (MC), free-write, and performance tasks



Testing Specifics



The Dragon Hunter by Keith Wilson

I am a dragon hunter. Dragonflies, that is! My name is Keith Wilson. I'm an odonatologist. That's a scientist who studies dragonflies. I hunt to discover. So far, I have helped to find many new species, or kinds, of dragonflies.

Flying Colors

About 5,500 dragonfly species buzz around the world. Hunting them is not easy. Many of them live deep in rain forests. To find them, I have to walk through thick bushes. I have to put up with leeches. I even have to watch out for hungry crocodiles.

So why do I look for dragonflies? The answer is simple. I love them! They can speed by. They can make sharp turns and sudden stops. They can hover. They can even fly backward.

Best of all, dragonflies are beautiful. They come in many colors and patterns. Who doesn't like looking at these amazing insects? Take the tropical rockmaster, for example. It is one of my favorites. It has a blue coloring on its body. Other kinds are even more colorful. Some have green, red, or yellow bodies. One even has orange wings.

Super Sizes

...izes. The smallest one is the size of your thumbnail.
...your face.

...the heaviest dragonflies in the world—the giant

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The following question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

Which word **best** describes Keith Wilson?

- A) bossy
- B) greedy
- C) skillful
- D) thankful

Part B

Which sentence from the passage supports your answer in part A?

- A) I am a dragon hunter.
- B) So far, I have helped to find many new species, or kinds, of dragonflies.
- C) I worry about dragonflies.
- D) I want to protect these tiny dragons for others to see and enjoy.

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Read the sentences from the passage.

The petaltail, however, is very rare. Few people have ever seen it.

What does the word rare mean as used in the sentence?

- (A) different kinds of
- (B) not many of
- (C) interesting
- (D) beautiful

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Explain how Wilson supports his statement that dragonflies can come in different sizes. Use details from the passage to support your explanation.

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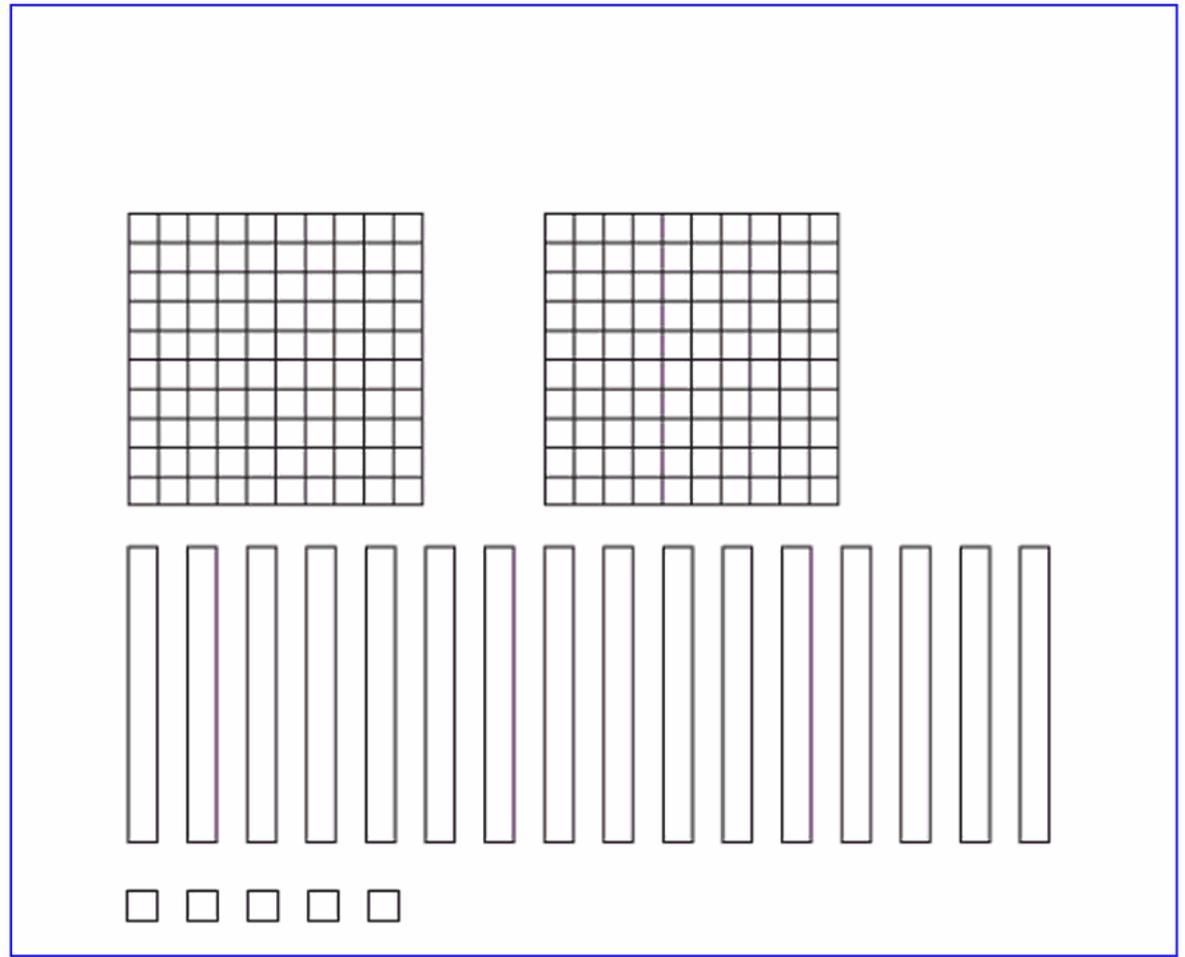
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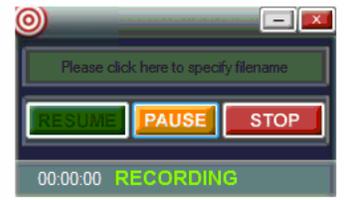
- 2 hundreds
- 16 tens
- 5 ones

Lynn thinks that Joanna cannot model 342 with the blocks she has.

Click blocks to show that Lynn is incorrect.



The diagram shows two 10x10 grids, each representing 100 units. Below the grids are 16 vertical bars, each representing 10 units. At the bottom of the diagram are five small squares, each representing 1 unit.



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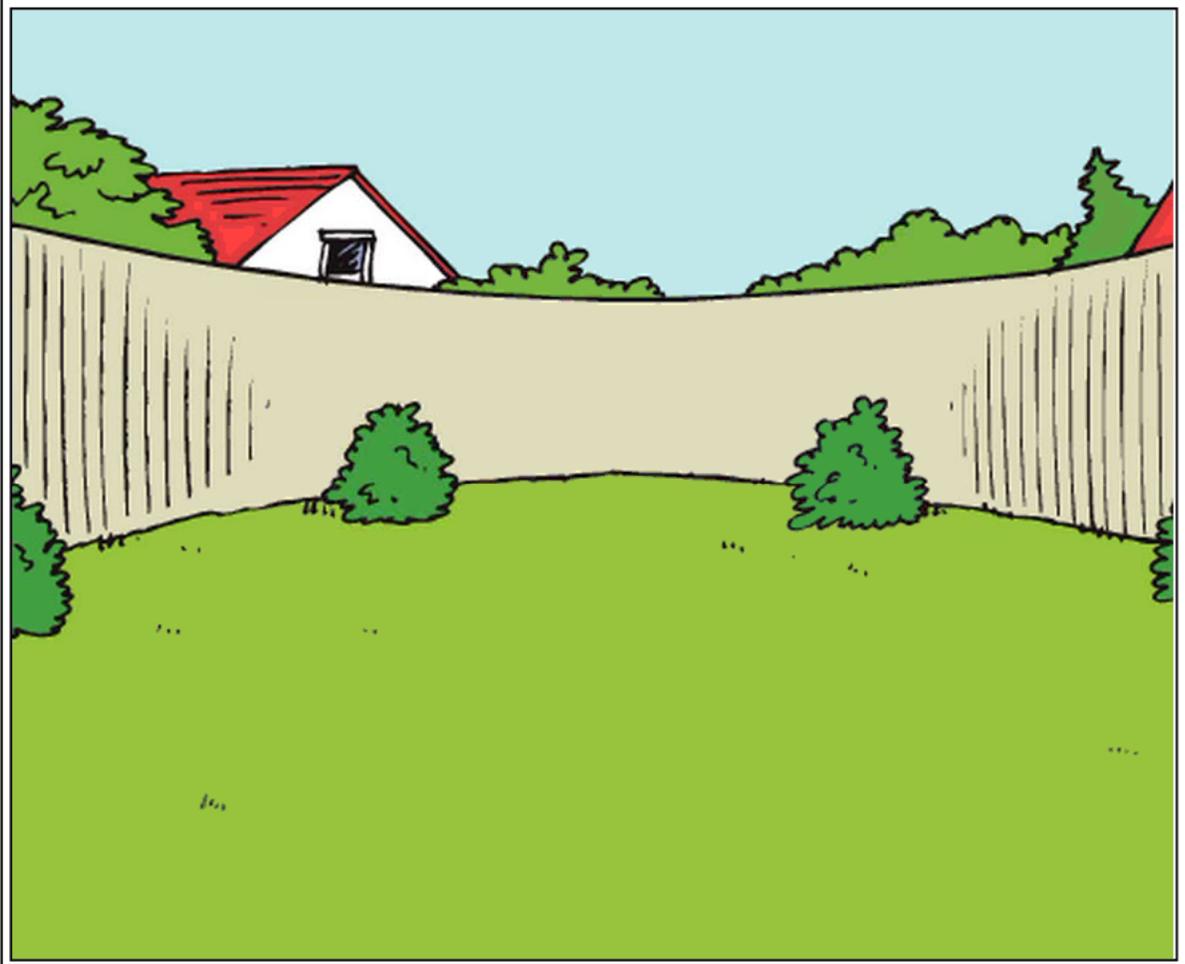
Four families bring chairs to Mr. Smith's party. Each family brings the same number of chairs.

Three more chairs are needed to seat all 27 guests.

Drag the number of chairs one family brings to the party into the yard.



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Testing Specifics

Test of the test:

- Online testing software
- Question types
- Effectiveness of test administration and training materials
- State has not determined type of data districts will receive



Testing Specifics

Communication:

- Regular updates from Connecticut State Department of Education
- Leadership teams
- Parents – letter and frequently asked questions (FAQ)



Questions and Discussion

