

EDTECH *Tips*

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✧ Ready, Set, Go! ✧

SOL TESTING

Throughout the year, we prepare our students for the upcoming SOL testing season. The evermore increasing importance of these summative assessments can weigh heavily upon teachers and students alike. As teachers, we work hard to provide opportunities for our students to interact with SOL content and practice essential skills

in memorable and meaningful ways. We hope that the students will conceptualize and internalize the content and skills we are tasked to impart upon them. We have seen how students show mastery through authentic formative assessments, classroom discussions, and via benchmark test results. Ultimately though, the students will be assessed

on a predominantly multiple-choice assessment. Test taking is a skill that needs to be taught and practiced. It would be negligent of us to not teach them these important test-taking skills.



Jefferson Lab

Allow students to practice with science and math sample test questions. Question sets can be organized by subject, grade level, and strand. Students can receive immediate feedback on their progress.

<http://education.jlab.org/solquiz/index.html>



BrainPop!

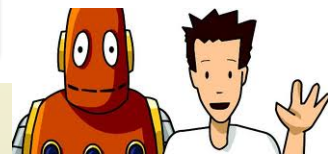
Check out BrainPop! videos and related activities to give your students a quick introduction to testing strategies.

Learn along with Tim and Moby!

Test Taking Skills: <http://www.brainpop.com/english/studyandreadingskills/testtakingskills/>

Test Preparation: <http://www.brainpop.com/english/studyandreadingskills/testpreparation/>

Reading Skills: <http://www.brainpop.com/english/studyandreadingskills/readingskills/>





ContentGenerator.net

This resource allows anyone to easily create quizzes, and games using online tools. ContentGenerator.net produced files are stored online for use anytime, and anywhere the internet and a Flash-compatible device are available. ContentGenerator.net requires Macromedia Flash 7.

Great for use with a SmartBoard!

Fling the Teacher

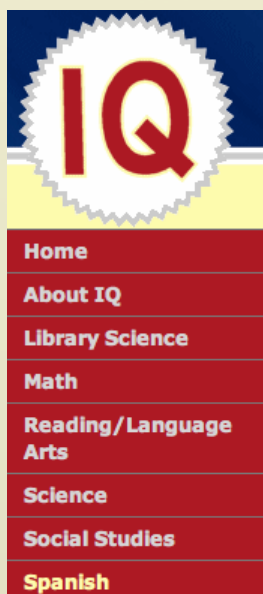
Create your own game in minutes - type or copy and paste your questions in, and press generate! Students have to answer 15 questions correctly to try to fling the teacher away.

Teacher Invaders

This game works well to reinforce vocabulary. Players are awarded 20 seconds of play time for each correct answer.

IQ Interactive Quizzes

Tami Maloney presents dozens of online practice quizzes that are sorted by and correlated to VA SOLS.



<http://www.iq.poquoson.org/>

GAME CREATOR

Ms. Scher of Fox Elementary shared with us this easy-to-use game creator. Create and publish your own content-specific review games with this easy what-you-see-is-what-you-get (wysiwyg) interface. The site includes customizable drag-and-drop, multiple choice, and matching templates. The site also features some ready-made games.

<http://resources.oswego.org/games/>

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SOLmate

SOLmate is the Harrisonburg County Public Schools site for online SOL practice. There are 148 Virginia Studies questions, 91 4th grade math questions, and 50 5th grade math questions.

<http://sol.harrisonburg.k12.va.us/>