

International Benchmark Tests (IBT)

International leader in assessment. Trusted regionally.



Quick guide

Measure learning beyond test scores

The International Benchmark Tests (IBT) from the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) are a **skills-based, diagnostic assessment** for **Grades 3 to 10**. Designed in-house by international experts and psychometricians, the IBT empowers educators with actionable, data-informed insights to improve teaching and learning across key subjects.

What does the IBT assess?

A comprehensive view of student learning across core domains.



Arabic language

Reading | Language | Writing | Listening*

*Tailored to native and non-native speakers in public & private schools



English

Reading Comprehension | Spelling | Grammar | Punctuation | Vocabulary



Mathematics

Number | Measurement | Space | Chance | Data



Science

Earth sciences | Physical sciences | Life sciences



Reasoning

Abstract | Verbal | Numerical | Spatial | Kinetic

Key features of the IBT

Adaptive testing

Every learner is different. Your assessment should be too. IBT's adaptive design personalises each student's pathway in real time, thereby pinpointing ability levels and identifying precise learning needs. Based on our research, classroom ability levels can vary by 5–6 years. The IBT helps teachers understand where each student is in their learning journey, and what they need next.

Instant reporting

Access robust, reliable data instantly through the ACER Data Explorer, with interactive reports that inform teaching, learning and school improvement.

Reports include:

- **Achievement Report:** Student and cohort achievement on the IBT's psychometric reporting scales
- **Progress Report:** Monitor learning progress over time
- **Comparison Report** – Compare distribution of students' IBT scale scores with regional and international cohorts
- **Item Performance:** Analyse students' strengths and areas of improvement by test question (item)
- **Group Reports:** Individual students' performance data on each test question as well as overall test performance
- **Student Report:** A diagnostic snapshot of each learner

Why schools across the region trust the IBT



Designed by experts

The IBT is developed in-house by psychometricians and assessment specialists, meeting international standards for validity and reliability.



Skills-based, not just content-based

Unlike traditional tests, the IBT measures critical thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving, providing a deeper understanding of student abilities.



Benchmarking for growth

The IBT doesn't just test students; it helps measure progress over time by using a research-based Progressive Achievement model to measure learning development.

Test windows

November | January | May

Choose the window that aligns best with your academic calendar.

Get started

Discover how the IBT can measure learning and drive real progress. Contact our team at ACER Middle East.



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