

Connectivity Foundations

Test-Taking Skills Booster

For the Teacher

The Test-Taking Skills Booster is optional. It provides practice in applying some key logical thinking and comprehension skills typically included in reading and listening tasks on standardized proficiency tests.

To be clear, the purpose of this Booster is *not* to prepare students for high stakes tests, nor is it to present items that mimic the actual “look” of any particular test. Rather, the goal is to acquaint students with the level of challenge presented by standardized proficiency tests (as opposed to in-course achievement tests, which only use known language).

The reading selections in the Booster are either adaptations of those found in the units or new reading selections about a related topic. Listening comprehension exercises are based on listening passages from the units. None of the Reading Completion or Listening Comprehension tasks duplicate what students have already done in the unit.

Access printable versions of the Test-Taking Skills Booster in **Printable Resources**, located under the **Resources** tab on the Pearson English Portal. Audio files and Answer keys also provided in **Printable Resources** folder.

NOTE: The practice activities in the Test-Taking Skills Booster are not intended to test student achievement after each unit. Complete Achievement Tests for *Connectivity* can be found on Pearson English Portal, under the **Resources** tab.