

TLS Diagnostic Mechanics Assessment

Directions for Preparation, Administration, Correction, and Recording the Data

The purpose of this whole class assessment is to determine which of the previous Common Core grade-level mechanics Standards have and have not been mastered.

Preparation

This two-page assessment should be copied back-to-back for each student.

Administration

Inform students that this is a test on punctuation and capitalization. Tell them to read each set of directions as they take the test—especially the **boldface** directions. Read the first set of directions aloud to get them started. Remind students to print neatly.

The assessment is given “whole class” and is un-timed. Most students finish in 10–15 minutes.

Correction

Grade the assessment according to the directions on the TLS Diagnostic Mechanics Assessment Answers page.

Recording the Data

Write the names of your students in alphabetical order on the matrix. Record the mechanics deficits for each student in numerical order on the TLS Diagnostic Mechanics Assessment Mastery Matrix. Mark a / for each error in the student’s row on the matrix and assign that Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet for remediation. Ignore errors unrelated to the targeted assessment items.

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Directions: Rewrite each of the following with correct punctuation and capitalization. Do not add, remove, or switch around any words. Carefully proofread your work when finished.

1. a friend named john said I am glad I dont need any help on my homework

2. that new student paula is from south africa she told me she had never seen the star wars movie in that country **Note: Don't place a comma or a period after "africa."**

3. she saw pictures of the costumes robots and ship models in the newsweek article the one that featured space camp **Note: Don't place a comma or colon after "article."**

4. yes you should listen to that song called the one monsters howl sometime before halloween

5. bring both girls best dresses to atlanta georgia to see the play titled fiddler on the roof

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6. joe please read these chapters knots and cooking to prepare for the boy scouts meeting tonight

7. mr wong put on his glasses and then he read the magazine article titled my dog spoke english

8. dear mary

what a complete surprise no one had read the short story titled yankees and rebels about the civil war the whole messy story was sad depressing and true

yours truly

amy
