# 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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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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# **TLS Diagnostic Mechanics Assessment Answers**

**Directions:** Each problem has the numbered diagnostic items in enlarged **boldface**. If the student misses an item, mark a / in the same number column on the TLS Diagnostic Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Assessment Mastery Matrix.

46 69 (needs both) 70 55 1. a friend named John said, "I am glad I don't need any help on my homework" 47 (needs both) 56 (needs both) 71 62 2. that new student, paula, is from South Africa; she told me she had never seen the star wars movie in that country 48 (needs both) 63 3. she saw pictures of the costumes, robots, and ship models in the newsweek article 72 (needs both) 57 (needs both) (the one that featured Space Camp) 49 64 (needs both) 73 4. ves. vou should listen to that song called "the one monster's howl" before Halloween 74 50 65 5. bring both girls best dresses to atlanta, georgia to see the play titled fiddler on the roof 51 75 66 (needs both sets) 59 (needs both) 6. joe, please read these chapters: "knots" and "cooking" to prepare for the Boy Scouts meeting tonight 76 52 67 (needs both) 7. mr. wong put on his glasses, and then he read the magazine article titled "my dog spoke English" 53 (needs both greeting and closing) 8. 77 dear mary, 68 (needs both) what a complete surprise! no one had read the short story titled "yankees and

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