

Language/Literacy Skill	ELPAC, WIDA, TELPAS, and Other ELPA Question Stems
Main Idea	What is the passage mainly about? ▪ Which statement best expresses the main idea? ▪ Choose the answer that captures the central point. ▪ What is the speaker mainly explaining? ▪ What is the speaker mainly describing?
Key Details	What does _____ do? ▪ Which detail explains _____? ▪ Where does _____ happen? ▪ When does _____ happen? ▪ How does _____ happen? ▪ Where does _____ happen? ▪ Who does _____? ▪ What additional details can you provide?
Cause and Effect	Why does _____ happen? ▪ What happens as a result of _____? ▪ What happens because _____?
Sequence and Directions	Which happened first? ▪ What happens next? ▪ Which should you do first/next/last? ▪ What does _____ do after _____? ▪ Which words show the correct order of _____?
Vocabulary in Context	What does the word _____ mean in this sentence? ▪ Which word is closest in meaning to _____? ▪ Which word means about the same as _____?
Inference	What does the passage suggest about _____? ▪ What can the reader conclude about _____? ▪ What does _____ most likely mean?
Text Evidence	Which sentence best supports the idea that _____?
Author's Purpose	Why did the author write this passage? ▪ Why does the author include _____?
Paragraph Purpose	What is the main purpose of paragraph _____? ▪ How does the paragraph _____ help explain _____? ▪ What is one change that occurs during _____?
Comparison	What is one way that _____ and _____ are similar? ▪ How are _____ and _____ alike/different?
Character, Author, or Speaker Point of View	Why does _____ do/say _____? ▪ How does _____ feel about _____? ▪ What claim does the author make?
Reference Words	What does the word they/it/this refer to?
Identify a Picture or Object	Which picture shows _____? ▪ Which _____ matches the description? ▪ What is happening in the picture?
Analyze a Visual	Which diagram shows _____? ▪ What can you conclude from the data? ▪ What pattern does the graph show?
Explaining Processes	How does _____ work? ▪ Which statement best explains _____? ▪ Explain the steps involved in _____.
Completing, Classifying, and Categorizing	Which word best completes the sentence? ▪ Which items belong in the same group? ▪ Which characteristic do these items share?
Character's Feelings or Motives	Why does _____ decide to _____? ▪ How does _____ feel about _____?
Summarize	Which sentence best summarizes the selection?