



RIDE Rhode Island
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RICAS Item Catalog User Guide

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I. Introduction

The RICAS Item Catalog provides access to released items from the computer-based RICAS tests administered in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2025 (there were no released items for RICAS in 2020 or 2024). The item catalog offers easy-to-use tools for sorting items by standards or other criteria. Items in the catalog are displayed in the RICAS Student Kiosk view, the testing platform for the computer-based tests, allowing users to interact with the items exactly as students do.

The RICAS Item Catalog provides access to thousands of released items, item correlations, standards, and evidence statements. Every item contains metadata and performance statistics to help you search for specific items.

II. System Requirements

This section covers system requirements for the RICAS Item Catalog. eMetric continually monitors and evaluates the recommended and supported software requirements. As vendors release newer versions of their products, we update the recommended operating systems and browsers accordingly.

A. RICAS Item Catalog Browser Specifications

The minimum requirements for all workstations accessing the RICAS Item Catalog are listed below:

- Chrome 138 or newer
- Firefox 140 or newer
- Microsoft Edge 138 or newer
- Safari 18.5 or newer

III. Navigating the RICAS Item Catalog

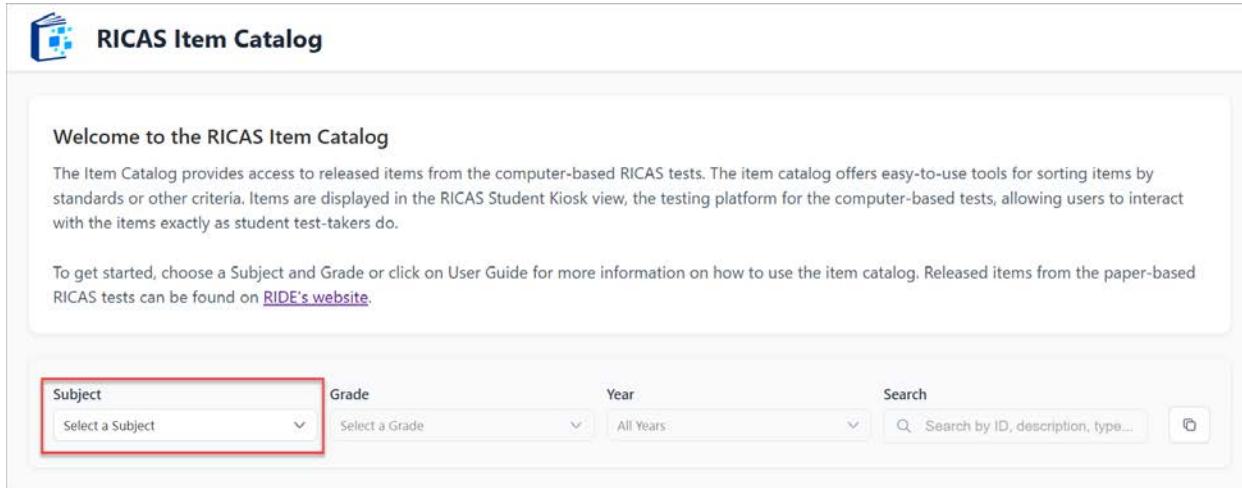
Keywords on the RICAS Item Catalog home page:

- **Item Identifier (ID)** – a unique code associated with an item.
- **Subject** – filters items by subject.
- **Grade** – filters items by grade level (Grade 3-8).
- **Year** – filters items by the year it was released.
- **Item #** – describes the position of an item on an exam, excluding non-answerable items such as passages and directions.
- **Item Type** – describes the type of response required for an item.
 - **SR** – Selected Response
 - **CR** – Constructed Response
 - **SA** – Short Answer
 - **ES** – Essay
- **Item Description** – provides a brief description of an item's contents.
- **Reporting Category** – identifies the reporting category the item falls under.
- **Standards** – identifies the standard(s) an item aligns with.

A. How to Locate Items

To filter your list:

1. Select a **Subject** from the dropdown menu.



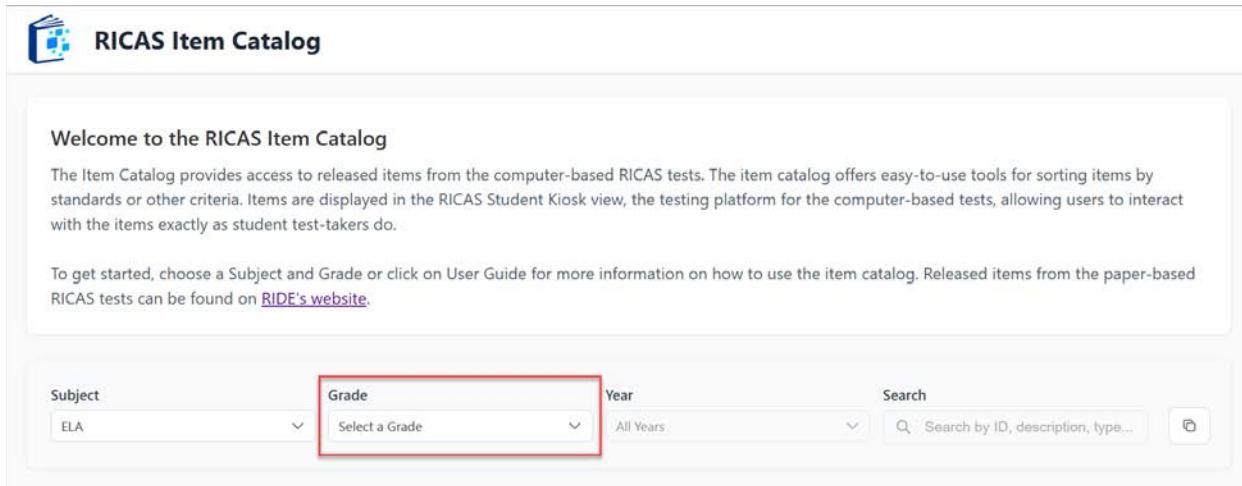
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To get started, choose a Subject and Grade or click on User Guide for more information on how to use the item catalog. Released items from the paper-based RICAS tests can be found on [RIDE's website](#).

Subject	Grade	Year	Search
Select a Subject	Select a Grade	All Years	<input type="text" value="Search by ID, description, type..."/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>

2. Select a **Grade** from the dropdown menu.



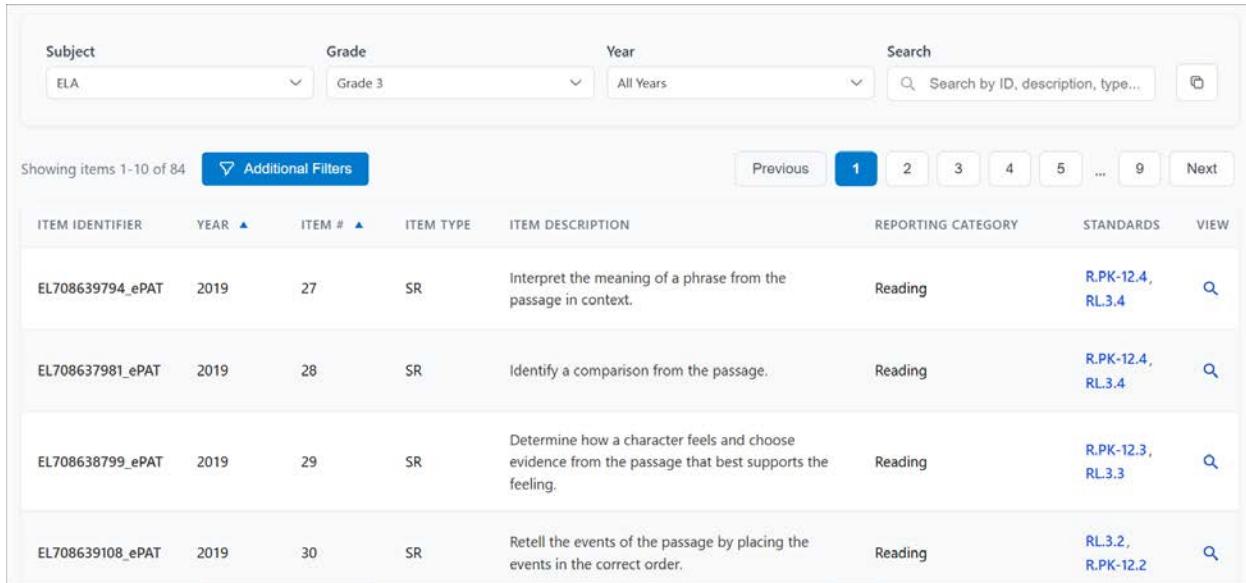
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Subject	Grade	Year	Search
ELA	Select a Grade	All Years	<input type="text" value="Search by ID, description, type..."/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>

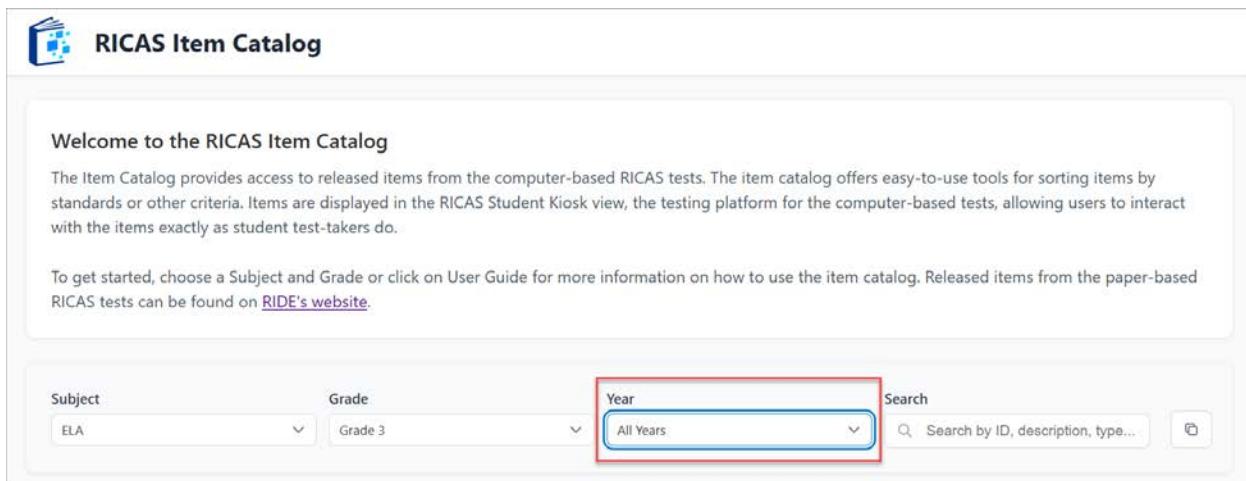
3. A list of Items that match your filter criteria should appear as below:



Showing items 1-10 of 84 [Additional Filters](#)

ITEM IDENTIFIER	YEAR	ITEM #	ITEM TYPE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	REPORTING CATEGORY	STANDARDS	VIEW
EL708639794_ePAT	2019	27	SR	Interpret the meaning of a phrase from the passage in context.	Reading	R.PK-12.4, RL3.4	Q
EL708637981_ePAT	2019	28	SR	Identify a comparison from the passage.	Reading	R.PK-12.4, RL3.4	Q
EL708638799_ePAT	2019	29	SR	Determine how a character feels and choose evidence from the passage that best supports the feeling.	Reading	R.PK-12.3, RL3.3	Q
EL708639108_ePAT	2019	30	SR	Retell the events of the passage by placing the events in the correct order.	Reading	RL3.2, R.PK-12.2	Q

4. The **Year** filter is set to *All Years* by default, but you may select a specific year by using the **Year** dropdown menu.



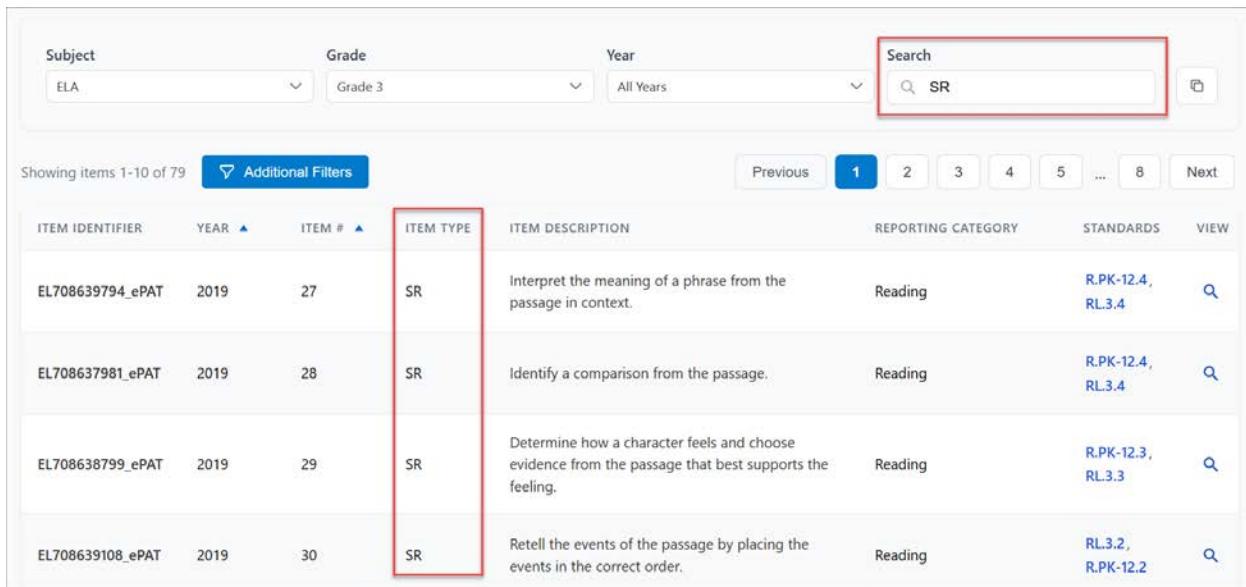
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Subject: ELA | Grade: Grade 3 | Year: All Years | Search: Search by ID, description, type... | [Print](#)

5. Type keywords (*Item ID, Item Description, and Item Type*) into the **Search** field to identify items that contain those keywords.

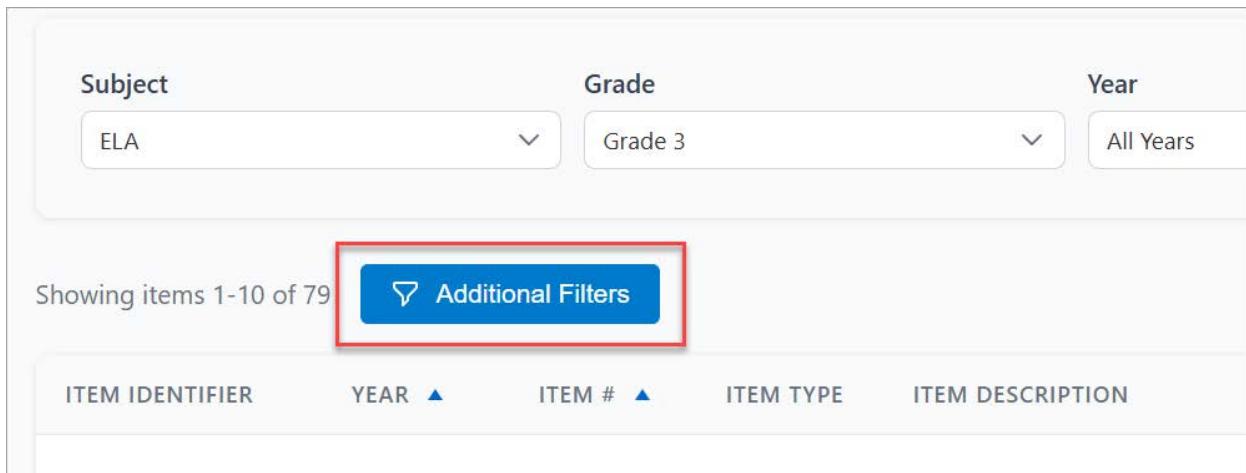


The screenshot shows a search interface with the following fields: Subject (ELA), Grade (Grade 3), and Year (All Years). A red box highlights the 'Search' input field containing 'SR'. Below the search bar, it says 'Showing items 1-10 of 79'. A 'Previous' button is followed by a blue '1' button, and then '2', '3', '4', '5', '...', '8', and 'Next' buttons. The results table has columns: ITEM IDENTIFIER, YEAR, ITEM #, ITEM TYPE, ITEM DESCRIPTION, REPORTING CATEGORY, STANDARDS, and VIEW. The 'ITEM TYPE' column for items 27, 28, 29, and 30 is highlighted with a red box. The results are as follows:

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EL708639108_ePAT	2019	30	SR	Retell the events of the passage by placing the events in the correct order.	Reading	RL3.2, R.PK-12.2	

To filter Items in each column:

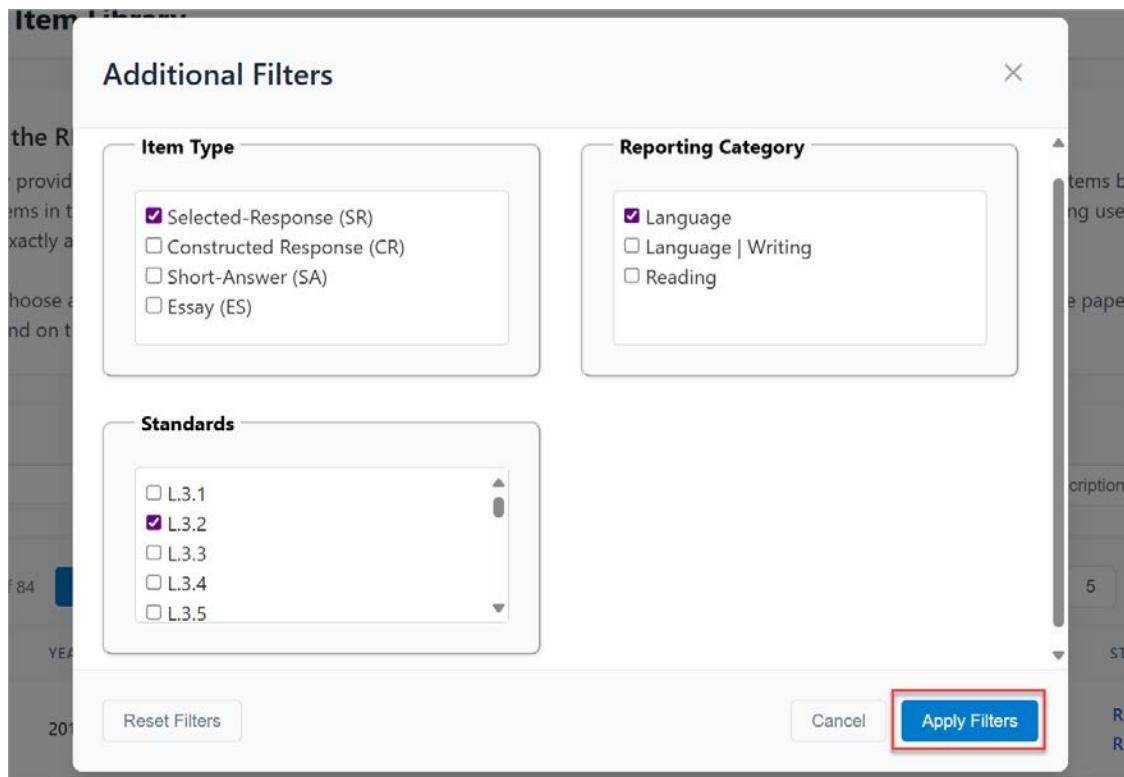
1. Click the **Additional Filters** button.



The screenshot shows the same search interface as above, but the 'Additional Filters' button is highlighted with a red box. Below it, it says 'Showing items 1-10 of 79'. The results table has columns: ITEM IDENTIFIER, YEAR, ITEM #, ITEM TYPE, and ITEM DESCRIPTION. The 'ITEM TYPE' column is highlighted with a red box.

ITEM IDENTIFIER	YEAR	ITEM #	ITEM TYPE	ITEM DESCRIPTION

2. Select your desired filter criteria for any relevant columns, then click the **Apply Filters** button.



3. A more focused list of your previous items will be updated according to your filter criteria.

Subject	Grade	Year	Search			
ELA	Grade 3	All Years	<input type="text"/> SR			
Showing items 1-5 of 5 ▼ Additional Filters (3)						
ITEM IDENTIFIER	YEAR	ITEM #	ITEM TYPE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	REPORTING CATEGORY	STANDARDS
EL284949_ePAT	2021	13	SR	Identify words that are combined to make a contraction in the poem.	Language	L.PK-12.2, L.3.2
EL284948_ePAT	2021	14	SR	Determine the use of punctuation in the poem.	Language	L.PK-12.2, L.3.2
EL284950_ePAT	2021	18	SR	Evaluate the use of capitalization in the poem.	Language	L.PK-12.2, L.3.2
EL909865165	2023	7	SR	Determine the purpose of punctuation used in the passage.	Language	L.PK-12.2, R.PK-12.2, L.3.2

4. You can view an item's **Standards** by clicking on the blue Standard Names (ex. *L.3.2*, *L.PK-12.2*) under the **Standards** column, and a small window will appear with a description of the standard.

Showing items 1-5 of 5 Additional Filters | (3)

ITEM IDENTIFIER	YEAR	ITEM #	ITEM TYPE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	REPORTING CATEGORY	STANDARDS	VIEW
EL284949_ePAT	2021	13	SR	Identify words that are combined to make a contraction in the poem.	Language	L.PK-12.2, L.3.2	
EL284948_ePAT	2021	14	SR	Determine the use of punctuation in the poem.	Language	L.3.2	
EL284950_ePAT	2021	18	SR	Evaluate the use of capitalization in the poem.	Language		
EL909865165	2023	7	SR	Determine the purpose of punctuation used in the passage.	Language	L.PK-12.2, R.PK-12.2, L.3.2	

B. How to View Item Details

To view the contents of an item:

1. Click the **magnifying glass** icon  under the **View** column of any item.
2. A preview window with the item's contents should appear as shown below:

Item: EL311155968

Welcome to the Item Details page. This page provides detailed information about the selected item, including the item identifier, subject, grade level, and reporting category. You can use the search bar to find specific items.

The item identifier is EL311155968. The subject is ELA. The grade level is Grade 3. The reporting category is Language. The points available for this item are 1.

Read the passage about George Loher, a man who rode his bicycle from California to New York City in the 1800s. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Wind in His Mustache

by Teresa Bateman



"Welcome!" cried the local bicycling clubs.

What does the exclamation point in the paragraph suggest?

A a question

B a quotation

C a new thought

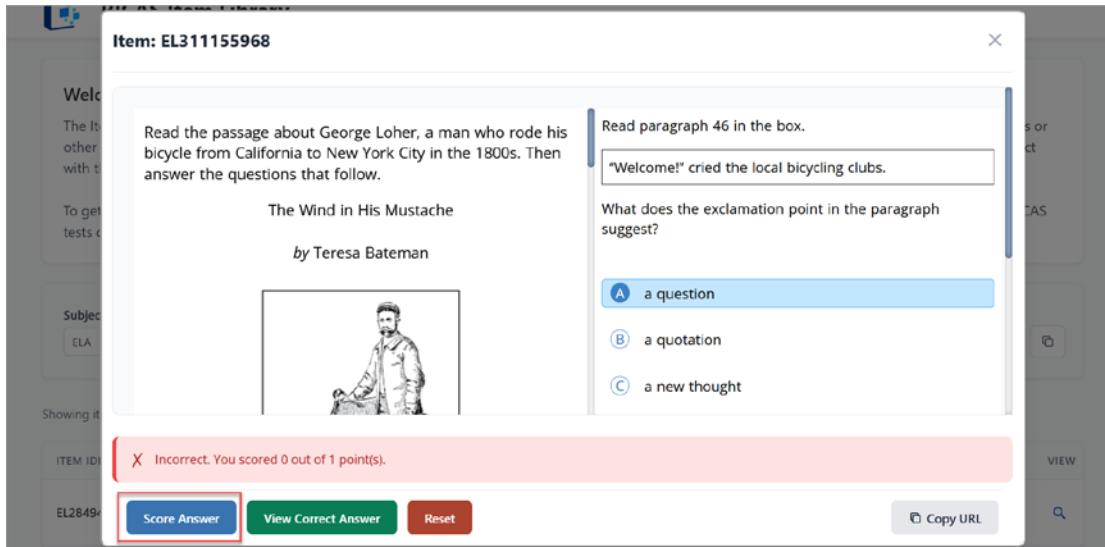
D a strong feeling

Score Answer **View Correct Answer** **Reset** **Copy URL**

Subject: ELA | Grade: 3 | Type: SR | Reporting Category: Language | Points: 1

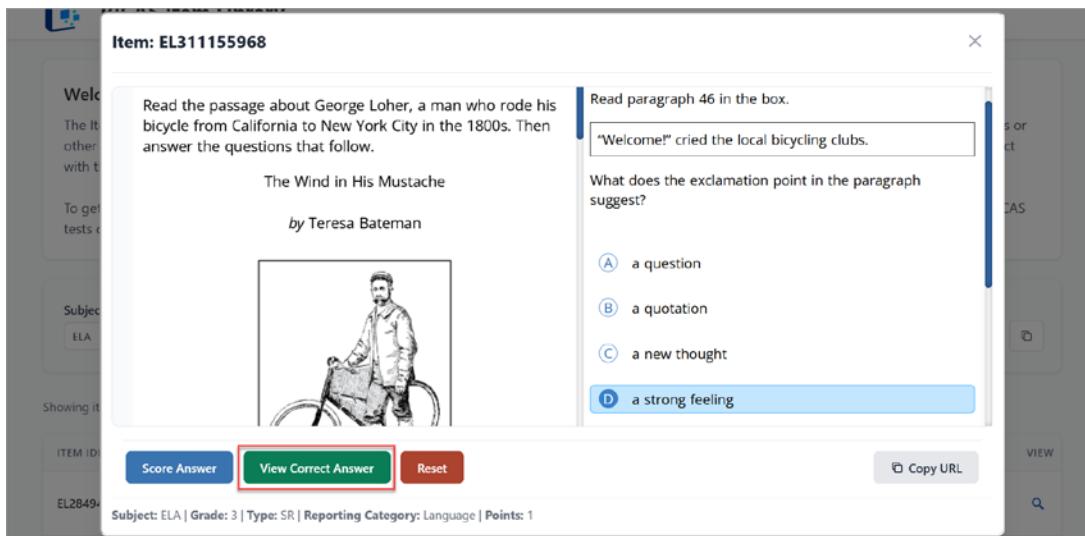
3. By clicking the **Score Answer** button, you can determine whether the response you choose is correct or not.

Note: Essays and Constructed Response items cannot be scored using this function.



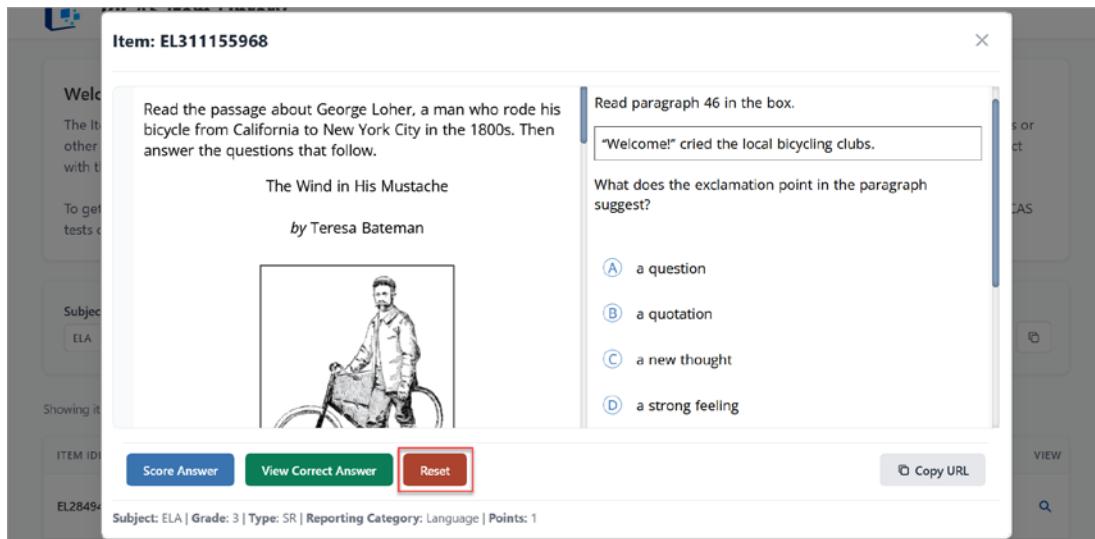
The screenshot shows a pop-up window for item EL311155968. The passage is about George Loher and his bicycle. The question asks about the meaning of an exclamation point. The correct answer is 'D: a strong feeling'. A red box highlights the 'Score Answer' button, and a message at the bottom says 'Incorrect. You scored 0 out of 1 point(s.)'.

4. By clicking the **View Correct Answer** button, the correct response(s) to an item will be selected for you.



The screenshot shows the same item window. The correct answer 'D: a strong feeling' is now highlighted with a red box. The 'View Correct Answer' button is also highlighted with a red box.

5. By clicking the **Reset** button, your answer selection and the scored answer will clear from the item window.



Item: EL311155968

Welcome to the Item Preview window. The Item ID is EL311155968. The Subject is ELA. The Item Type is Reading. The Grade Level is 3. The Reporting Category is Language. The Points are 1.

Read the passage about George Loher, a man who rode his bicycle from California to New York City in the 1800s. Then answer the questions that follow.

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Read paragraph 46 in the box.

"Welcome!" cried the local bicycling clubs.

What does the exclamation point in the paragraph suggest?

A a question

B a quotation

C a new thought

D a strong feeling

Score Answer View Correct Answer **Reset** Copy URL

Subject: ELA | Grade: 3 | Type: SR | Reporting Category: Language | Points: 1

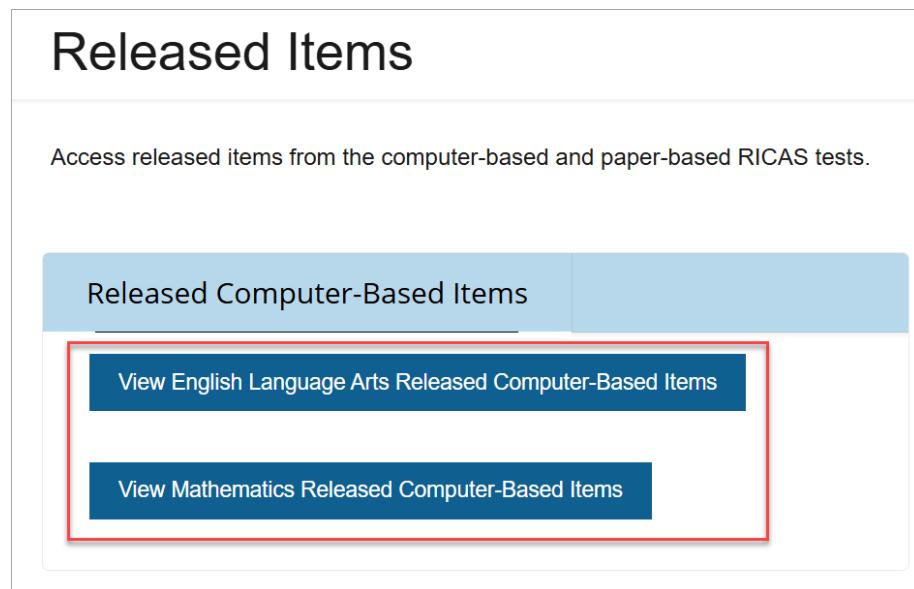
6. You can copy the link for any item to your clipboard by using the **Copy URL** button  on the bottom right of the item preview window.

IV. Released Items with Text-to-Speech

The Rhode Island Department of Education is committed to ensuring that the content in its online environments is accessible for all users. The RICAS test questions in the RICAS Item Catalog are presented in the format used for the standard computer-based tests. However, the same items are available in the [RICAS Resource Center](#) in a text-to-speech format.

How to Access Released Items in Text-to-Speech Format:

1. Go to the [Released Computer-Based Items](#) on the *RICAS Resource Center* website.
2. In the **Released Computer-Based Items** box, select which test you would like to view.



Released Items

Access released items from the computer-based and paper-based RICAS tests.

Released Computer-Based Items

[View English Language Arts Released Computer-Based Items](#)

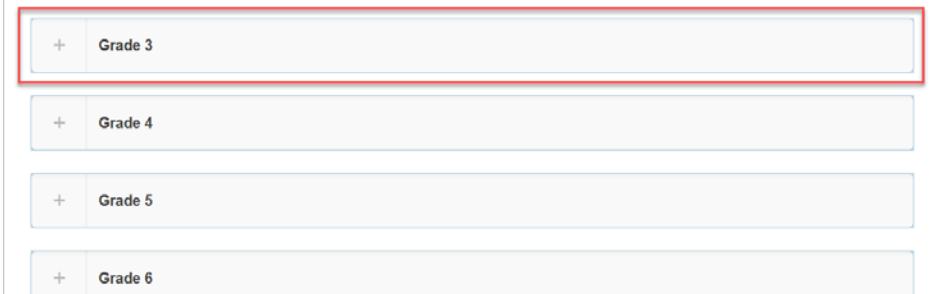
[View Mathematics Released Computer-Based Items](#)

3. Select your **Grade Level**.

English Language Arts Released Items

Released items are available for each grade level of the ELA RICAS assessment.

Please select a grade level to view released items.



Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grade 6

4. Click the Computer-Based Released Items link you wish to view.

English Language Arts Released Items

Released items are available for each grade level of the ELA RICAS assessment.

Please select a grade level to view released items.

	Grade 3
Released Items	
<input type="checkbox"/> ELA Grade 3 Paper-Based Released Items	
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Resources	
<input type="checkbox"/> ELA Grade 3 Computer-Based Released Items Answer Key	

5. In another tab, your practice test should open with accommodations.

Note: Scored items and their correct answers are made available to browse immediately after submitting a practice test.

Not [Practice Student?](#) [Exit](#)

Hello, Practice Student

2222222995 State Student ID	6/1/2013 Date of Birth	Gender
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The following tests have been scheduled for you:

Grade 3 ELA Released

[Session 1](#)