

## Frequently Asked Questions - PALS español

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### 1. Why use PALS español?

PALS español measures children's developing knowledge of the fundamental components of Spanish literacy in Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Early assessment with PALS español helps teachers:

- Identify students' literacy strengths in their native Spanish.
- Individualize instruction to accelerate reading development in both English and Spanish.
- Identify students with reading difficulties without waiting until they are proficient enough to be assessed in English.

### 2. Is PALS español a translation of the English version of PALS?

No. PALS español tasks are parallel to English PALS tasks but are NOT translations. PALS español was developed separately from the English version, with its own field studies and piloting process, at the University of Virginia. You can find the Technical References for PALS español at [palsresource.info](http://palsresource.info).

### 3. What information does PALS español provide to teachers?

**PALS español K** assesses phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, letter-sound knowledge, and concept of word in text.

**PALS español 1-3** assesses word knowledge (including spelling), oral reading (accuracy, comprehension, rate, and fluency), alphabet and digraph knowledge, letter-sound knowledge, and phonemic awareness.

#### **4. Which students benefit from PALS español?**

PALS español measures the literacy progress of students who:

- Receive instruction in both English and Spanish.
- Are transitioning from Spanish to English instruction.
- Speak Spanish at home and English at school.

#### **5. Who can administer PALS español?**

PALS español should be administered by a fluent speaker of Spanish, as each task is administered in Spanish. Ideally, the person who administers PALS español to the student is the same person who plans and implements that student's literacy instruction.

#### **6. How are PALS español scores entered into the PALS Online System?**

Once a teacher's PALS Online account has had the PALS español feature activated by our office, the teacher will see a tile on their Teacher Home Page for PALS español. Once scores have been entered, the teacher will have immediate access to reports that guide instruction and intervention.

#### **7. Is it possible to enter both English and Spanish scores for the same student?**

Yes. If a teacher's PALS Online account is activated to receive Spanish scores, anyone with access to that teacher's page through her/his own PALS Online account may enter either or both English and Spanish scores for each student.

#### **8. What reports are currently available for PALS español?**

All of the reports available for the English version of PALS are currently available for PALS español.