



FAQ for Amira Learning

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Question	Answer
Will we need new equipment for this new assessment?	If your device has an internal microphone, you won't need any new equipment.
Is the Amira assessment timed?	<p>Yes, Amira's assessment is timed, but it is designed to be flexible based on the task type and student performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oral Reading Fluency (ORF):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Students read for up to 60 seconds per passage. If they struggle significantly, Amira may automatically down-level to a lower-grade passage or designate them as an "Early Reader" if they cannot read even the simplest text.• Phonological Awareness, Letter Naming, and Other Tasks:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Some tasks have time limits to ensure they measure automaticity, a key indicator of reading proficiency.○ However, for these skill-based tasks, Amira does not rush students—timing is used to gauge fluency rather than to force a response.• Listening Comprehension and Reading Comprehension: <p>These tasks allow ample response time and do not time out as quickly as fluency-based assessments.</p>

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Can Students Get Timed Out on the Assessment?	<p>Yes, students can time out, but Amira’s system is designed to allow fair testing.</p> <p>Automatic Timeout for Non-Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a student stalls for too long without responding, Amira will move them forward to prevent excessive frustration. 2. This ensures students who are truly struggling do not remain stuck on a task indefinitely.
Will the assessment be able to understand students with speech issues or different dialects?	Amira has been trained to listen to students from all over the world. It has been trained to listen to what the answer should be, therefore it is very good at detecting different speech patterns and dialects.
Is there training available?	<p>We will hold regional “train the training” trainings in June 9-11, 2025. Registration links will be sent out around the end of March. Other webinars will be conducted as well.</p> <p>You can watch Amira’s webinar on the changes that will be happening!</p>
Will there be a pause button?	There will be no pause button in this assessment. However, your student can log out at any time and can continue by logging back in. It is recommended that the student exits the assessment in the middle of subtests to ensure it saves the data.
Will there be a paper/pencil version?	Yes, there is a paper/pencil version of this assessment for those students who require an alternative assessment. The scores are comparable to the assessment and will generate a score that will be included in the accountability for the state of Idaho.
I have a large class of students who struggle with working quietly. What strategies can I use to	a. Designed for Background Noise. Amira is designed to handle background noise in

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<p>administer Amira so students can focus and Amira can hear?</p>	<p>classrooms by using advanced speech recognition and noise reduction techniques.</p> <p>b. Context-Aware Listening. Unlike standard speech recognition systems, Amira already knows what the student is supposed to be reading. This allows it to compare the expected text with what it hears, making it easier to detect reading errors even in noisy environments.</p> <p>c. Space students out so their mics don't interfere with one another. Amira locks in on the foreground voice, so we suggest students don't sit directly side-by-side. Consider facing students towards each other so their device mics point opposite directions. Pro-tip: have students sit at the four points of a "compass" facing inward like the diagram shown to the right.</p> <div data-bbox="943 919 1081 1083" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>d. Minimize background noise. Amira can handle a lot of noise but there are limits. When a classroom exceeds the limit, Amira lets the student know. In other words, wait until Amira is done before singing songs, playing music, making loud announcements, etc.</p>

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