

# OSSLT Assembly

## 2023-2024

November 2, 2023

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# Hello!

**I am Mrs. Wonnacott  
Vice-Principal @ MMHS**

# What is the OSSLT?

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) measures whether students are meeting the standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.

All students who want to graduate with an OSSD must complete a literacy requirement.

This can be done in TWO ways:

- By being successful on the OSSLT
- Completing the Ontario Literacy Course (OLC); you can take the OLC without attempting the test

# What if I am “unsuccessful”?

1. Rewrite in the spring
  - a. Consider taking the After School Literacy course in the spring to help prepare for the OSSLT again
2. For students who need a lot more support, OLC may be offered

## How do I know if I'm writing?

You will receive one of the following letters:

- DEFERRAL - Will write in the Spring
- OSSLT Participation Letter - Writing in November
  - Includes dates, time and location
- OSSLT Participation/Accommodation Letter - Writing in November
  - Includes dates, time, location and accommodations

## What if I'm not sure?

See Ms. Wonnacott in the Main Office

# The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Date: Thursday, November 9 - Thursday, November 23

**Arrive early** and be ready to start!

All students writing who:

- Have a Grade 10, period 3 class will write in period 3 at 11:35 am
  - November 9&10, 13&14, 20&21, 22&23
- Are NOT in a period 3, grade 10 class will write in the library at 8:50 am on November 22&23

You will be notified where and which dates you are writing the OSSLT

# November 9 - 23 OSSLT - Schedule

## Students in Period 3, Grade 10 Classes

	DAY 1 (SESSION A)	DAY 2 (SESSION B)
<b>Period 3</b> <b>(11:35-12:50)</b>	Go to your OSSLT location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location will be shared by period 3 teacher and on your OSSLT letter</li> </ul> Write Session A	Go to your OSSLT location Write Session B
<b>Period 4</b> <b>(12:55 - 2:10)</b>	Proceed to room <b>Library</b> if extra time is needed  <b>Bring a snack</b>	Proceed to room <b>Library</b> if extra time is needed  <b>Bring a snack</b>

# November 22 - 23 OSSLT - Schedule

## Grades 10/11/12 not in period 3, Grade 10 classes

	<b>DAY 1 (SESSION A)</b>	<b>DAY 2 (SESSION B)</b>
<b>Period 1 (8:50-10:10)</b>	Go to the Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Location will be shared by teachers and on your OSSLT letter</li></ul> Write Session A	Go to the Library Write Session B
<b>Period 2 (10:15-11:30)</b>	Remain in the Library if extra time is needed	Remain in the Library if extra time is needed



# The OSSLT - BIG IDEAS

- OSSLT is a computer-based assessment
- 2 sessions:
  - Session A - approximately 65 minutes
  - Session B - approximately 75 minutes
- All students are entitled to use extra time as needed
- There are many built-in accommodations on the online platform

# OSSLT Online Format

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# Student Labels

Student Name
Grouping
Access Code
OEN (Ontario Education Number)
EQAO Login



Henry Liang



Saini (CHC2D1-5)



Access Code: V9L6-R5H2



OEN: 123456789



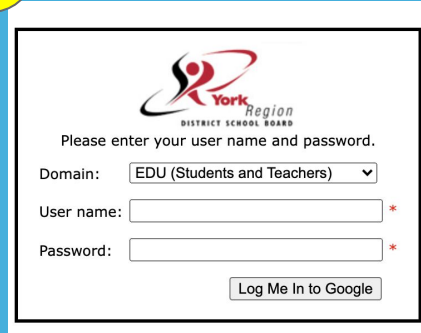
[www.eqao.com/login/](http://www.eqao.com/login/)

- Students will receive their label from the supervising teacher on the morning of the test.

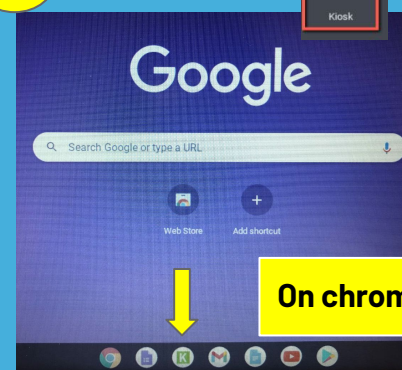
# If you are using a Chromebook - KIOSK Mode

- All YRDSB devices in the building should be equipped with KIOSK/SEB mode in preparation for the OSSLT. KIOSK/SEB prevents students from accessing any other websites while they write the OSSLT.

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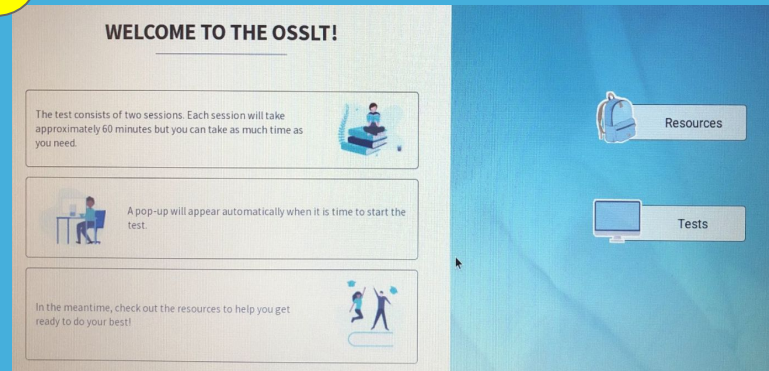
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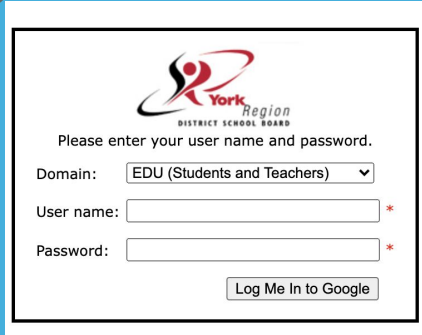
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- Students may access KIOSK (Chromebook) prior to starting the OSSLT

# If you are using a desktop computer - SEB Mode

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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User name:

Password:

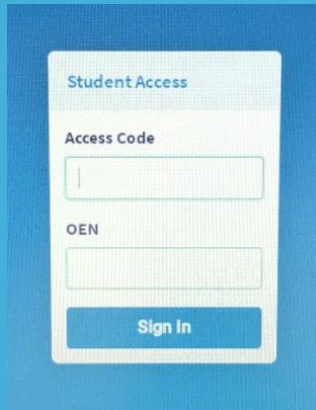
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On desktops, students access the secure browser by clicking on "YR-OSSLT" - if you are prompted for a code, enter **6768**

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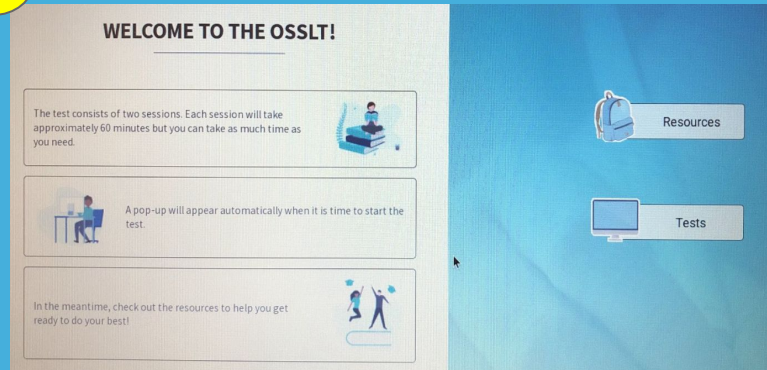


Student Access

Access Code

OEN

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WELCOME TO THE OSSLT!

The test consists of two sessions. Each session will take approximately 60 minutes but you can take as much time as you need.

A pop-up will appear automatically when it is time to start the test.

In the meantime, check out the resources to help you get ready to do your best!

# PLAN B: Login to the OSSLT through EQAO!

- All students will log into the OSSLT through the EQAO login page - [www.eqao.com/login/](http://www.eqao.com/login/)
- Choose the "STUDENTS" login and enter using the Access Code provided and your OEN

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EQAO Quality and Accessibility Office

About EQAO Assessments Schools Using Data Research FAQ Français Login

EQAO > Login

**Login** → [www.eqao.com/login/](http://www.eqao.com/login/)

Ontario school administrators and teachers: Manage and administer an assessment using the e-assessment system.

**Students:**

and Junior Divisions—Schools who are using direct access for resources and assessments.

- OSSLT and Grade 9—Access to resources. Assessments are not available through this login, except for students using the alternative access method (as they require specific accessibility software that is part of an accommodation).

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Resources

Tests

# Test Day Procedures

1. Find a seat at a computer/ chromebook and turn it on:
  - Desktops: Turn on and click on the YR-OSSLT icon and password is 6768.
  - Chromebooks: Click on K (Kiosk).
2. Login using your OEN Number (on the label provided) and the access code on the board once test kiosk loads.
3. Teacher will read the script.
4. Begin Session A after the script is read to you.
5. Read instructions and follow the session instructions very carefully.
6. Do not press “submit” until you’ve completed all the sections/ questions - do not rush.

# OSSLT - MINDS ON ACTIVITY

## MINDS-ON ACTIVITY

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."



Think about how this quotation relates to you, your community and your world.

Minds-On

General Instructions

Tools

Review the tools and features to help you on the test!

Review all instructions before starting!

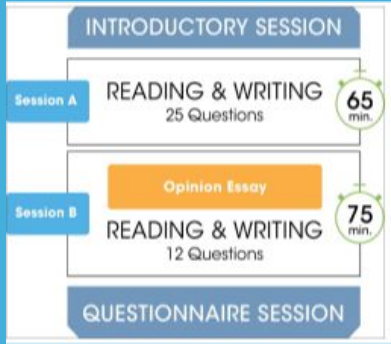
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This actually starts Session A of the OSSLT.



# OSSLT at a glance...

Check out the OSSLT Practice Test on EQAO!



## SESSIONS A & B

### READING - Four different types of reading selections:

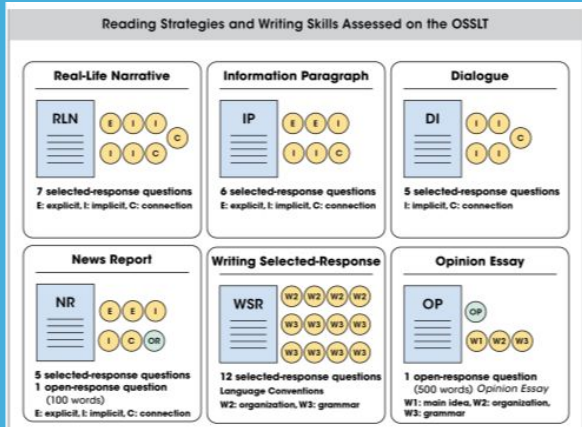
- Real-life narrative
- Information paragraph
- News report
- Dialogue
- 24 selected-response reading questions
- 1 open-response question

### WRITING SELECTED-RESPONSE (WSR)

- 12 selected-response writing questions

### OPINION ESSAY (OP)

- 1 open-response question composed of a series of paragraphs supporting an opinion



# Types of Questions

## Selected-Response Questions

In what way is kettlebells similar to weight lifting?

in the number of lifts

in the type of weights used

in the importance of strength

in the length of the competition

What does the dash in paragraph 5 introduce?

a change of topic

a list of examples

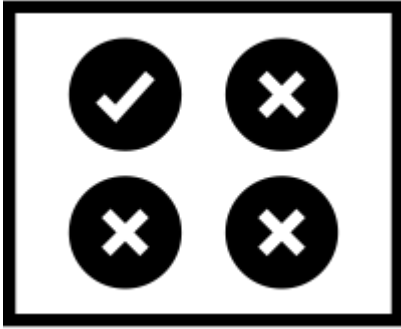
three unrelated ideas

a long pause in the conversation

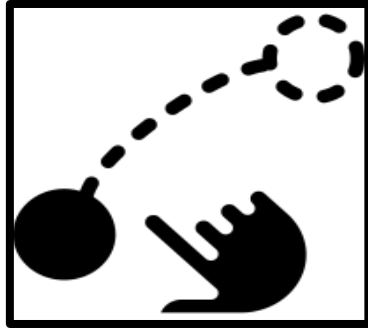
## Open-Response Questions

- Does Homework improve learning?
- What makes kettlebells a challenging sport?

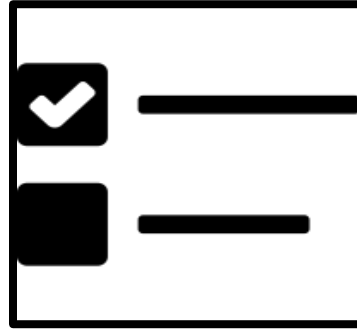
# Types of OSSLT Multiple-Choice Questions



**Selecting the Best Answer**



**Drag and Drop**



**Checkboxes**



**Drop-down**

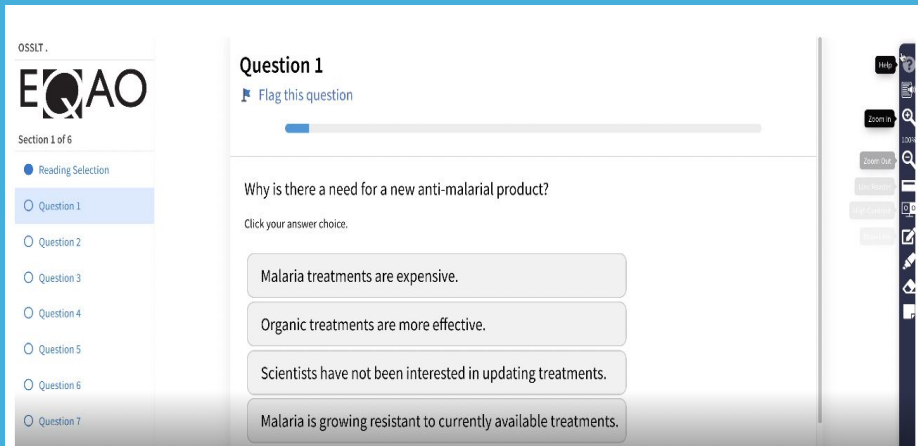
# What does the Online OSSLT look like?

The screenshot displays the Online OSSLT interface. At the top left, there is a toggle switch for "Text to Speech (Disabled)". Below this is a "General Instructions" section with three items:

- Please answer all questions to the best of your ability.
- If you leave a question blank, the question will be scored zero.
- The word count for each response will be indicated in the text box provided and will count down as you type. Once the limit is reached, you will have 10 extra words to finish your response.

At the bottom of the instructions section are three small circles, with the first one filled. Below the instructions are two buttons: "Previous page" with a left arrow and "Next page" with a right arrow.

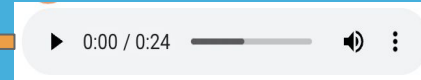
On the right side of the interface, there is a vertical menu with four buttons: "Minds-On", "General Instructions" (which is highlighted with a mouse cursor), "Tools", and "Continue" with a right arrow. The background of the right side features a faint image of an open book.



Zoom in and zoom out



Help page - summarizes all online tools



Listen to the text;  
bring earphones

Line reader to focus on one line at a time

High contrast for clearer viewing

Draw line

Highlight

Eraser

# OSSLT Support & Tips

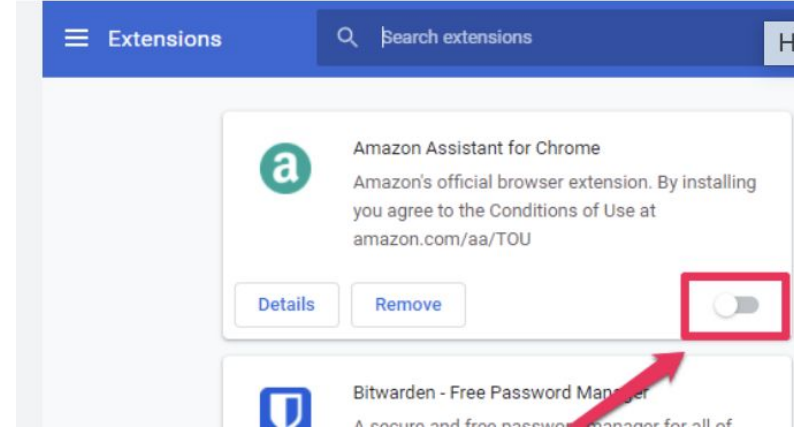
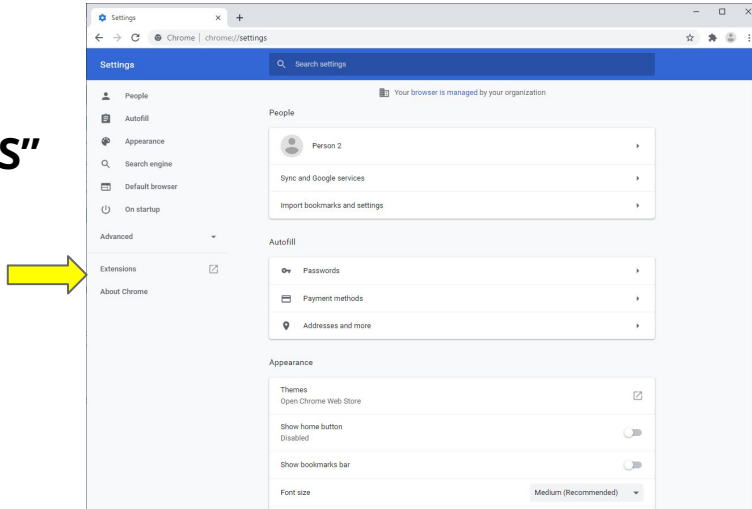
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# BEFORE the OSSLT, please DISABLE all online writing assistance applications on your profile.

1. GO TO THE SETTING - TOP RIGHT (3 DOTS)

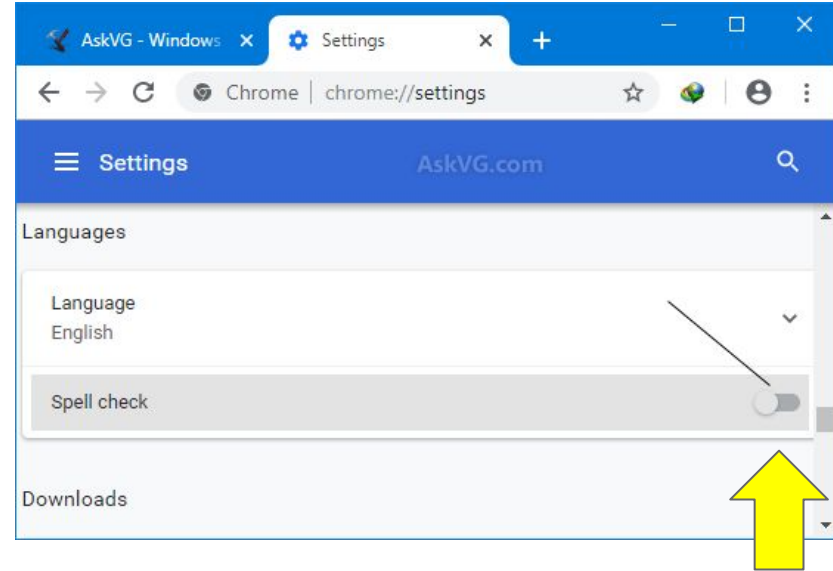


2. GO TO "EXTENSIONS"



3. TOGGLE OFF any Online Writing Assistance extensions.

# DISABLE "spell check" in your chromebook settings.



1. Click on the Time/Battery and select the Settings gear
2. In Settings, search "SPELL CHECK"

3. Turn off SPELL CHECK in chromebook settings



# On the day of the OSSLT, please **BRING**.....



Headphones or earphones if you choose to listen to the readings.

Pencil or pen to write rough notes on paper if you choose.



You are allowed to bring your own mouse & mouse pad to plug into the computer - we do not have any to loan out.

**EAT BREAKFAST!**  
**BRING WATER & SNACKS!**

Bring water to stay hydrated.

If you expect to use extra time, please bring a snack with you.



On the days of the OSSLT, **DO NOT** bring  
and **DO NOT** use

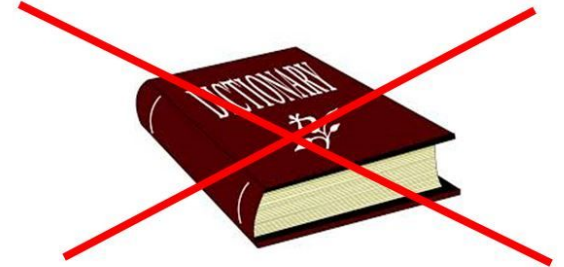


Cell phones


Dictionaries & translators

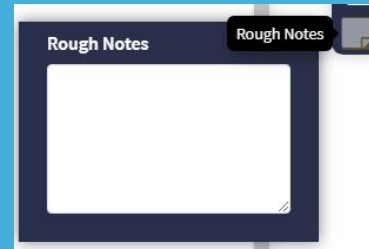


Online writing assistance



# General Tips

- Manage your time
- Complete all tasks. Do not leave anything blank.
- Use the  tool to help you return to unanswered questions.
- Use rough notes space to brainstorm your points OR ask for paper from your teacher.

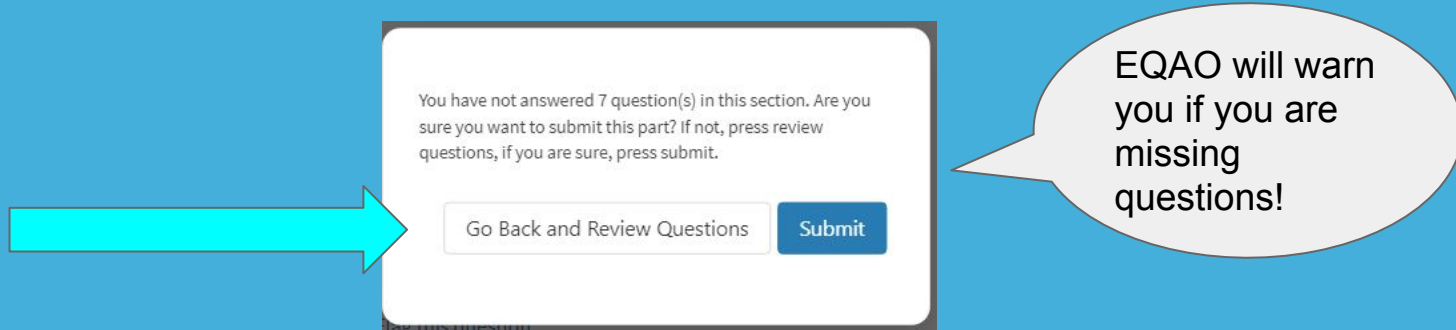


# Please remember...

- The teacher cannot answer any questions, clarify words, or explain what a question is asking you to do.
- Issues and incidents that might impact your test will be **recorded and reported to EQAO** (i.e. using cell phone).

# If you finish early...

- Check your answers
- Click submit when you are **completely finished**.



- Do not speak to or communicate with your neighbours

**You will not be dismissed before the end of the period.**



**GOOD LUCK KNIGHTS!**