



Everything You Need to Know About the OSSLT 2026/27



What is the OSSLT?

- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is an assessment of a student's reading and writing skills based on the Grade 9 curriculum expectations.
- EQAO has shifted to an online test that is now offered twice a year.
- Successful completion on the OSSLT is a graduation requirement.

Who is writing the OSSLT?

Semester 1

- Any student in grade 11 or 12 who was absent, or has not yet been successful on the OSSLT

Semester 2

- All Grade 10 Students and any grade 11 or 12 student who was absent from the Fall or needs to rewrite will be writing

When and Where is the OSSLT?

Fall 2026: Semester 1

- ⬡ All Grade 11 -12 students were previously eligible, but have not yet written the test or who have not yet been successful will write the OSSLT in Rm 122
- 8:10 AM on Tuesday, Nov. 24th
 - Students will be writing Booklet A and Booklet B.
 - Students can have up to 130 minutes to complete **Booklet A** and 150 minutes to complete **Booklet B**

HELP Sessions for the OSSLT?

Fall 2026: Semester 1

⬡ **Thursday, Nov. 12 - Instructional Support Day**

⬡ **Drop into LRC to ask questions and receive support**

⬡ **Thursday, Nov. 19 - Lunch**

⬡ **Room 114**

⬡ **Drop-in support session for any students**

What does the OSSLT look like?

The OSSLT is an **ONLINE** assessment that students access using the Kiosk App on their Chromebooks.

The OSSLT consists of two Sessions:
Session A and B.

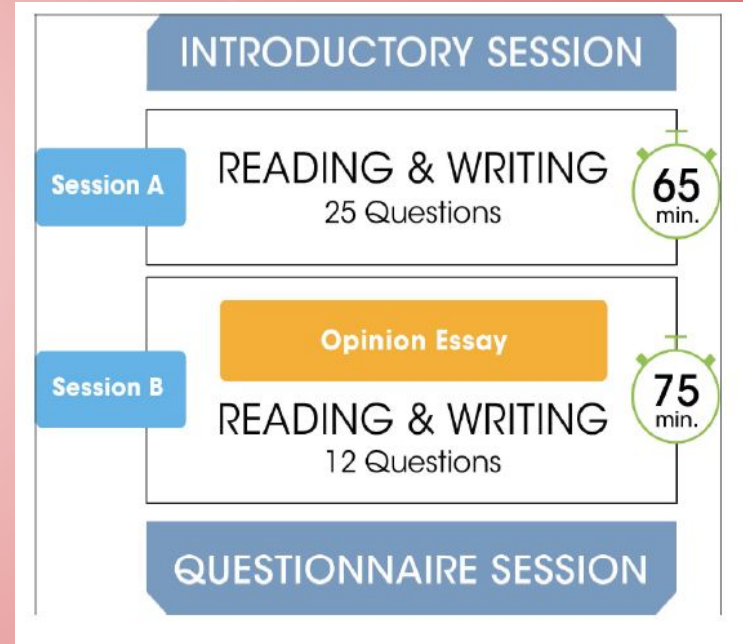
What does the OSSLT look like?

Booklet A is designed to be completed in 65 minutes.

Booklet B is designed to be completed in 75 minutes.

Students will complete each Session one at a time and can take up to double time to complete each one.

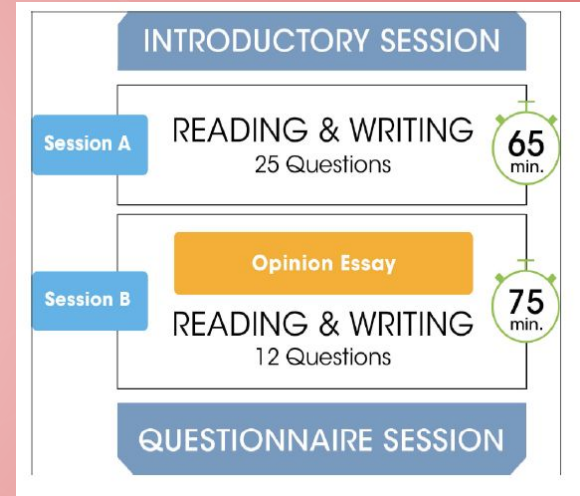
At the end of the Session B, students will be able to complete an optional **student questionnaire**.



What does the OSSLT look like?

There are a total of **37 questions**:

- **35** selected-response questions (e.g., single-selection, multiple-selection, checklist, drag & drop,)
 - **2** written open-response questions
- In Session A there is a 100 word open-response and in Session B there is a 500 word opinion essay.



About the Opinion Essay on the OSSLT: 001

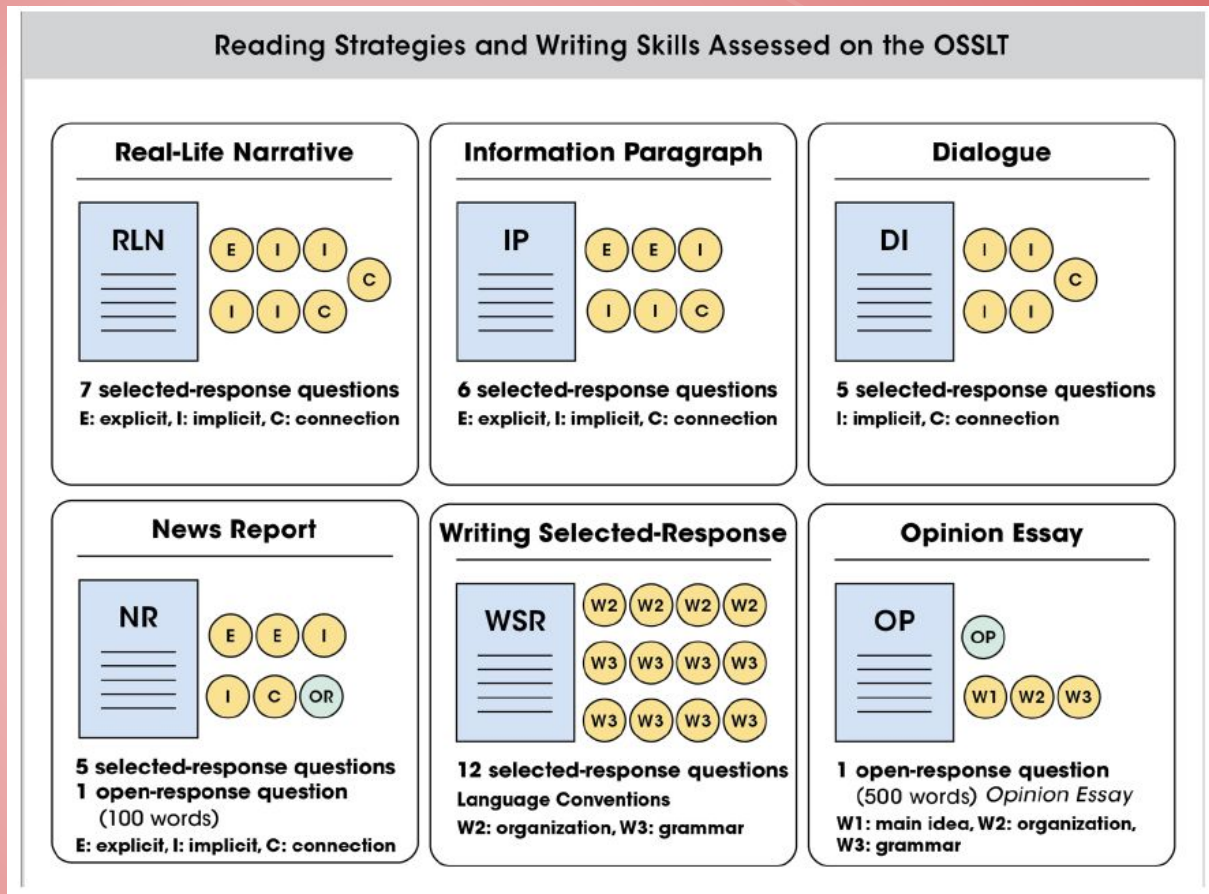
You will be asked to write a series of paragraphs stating a clear opinion in response to a question.

- In your opinion essay you **must**:
 - Choose one side of the topic
 - Use 3 reasons to support your opinion
 - Use specific and relevant details, reasons and explanations in your answer

Your essay should be approx. 500 words (5 paragraphs) and should demonstrate your ability to use essay structure 010

Types of Reading Selections & # of Questions on the OSSLT

The number of questions for each task are in the graphic.



What Should I bring to the OSSLT?

- A charged WRDSB Chromebook
- No other devices are allowed

Consider bringing:

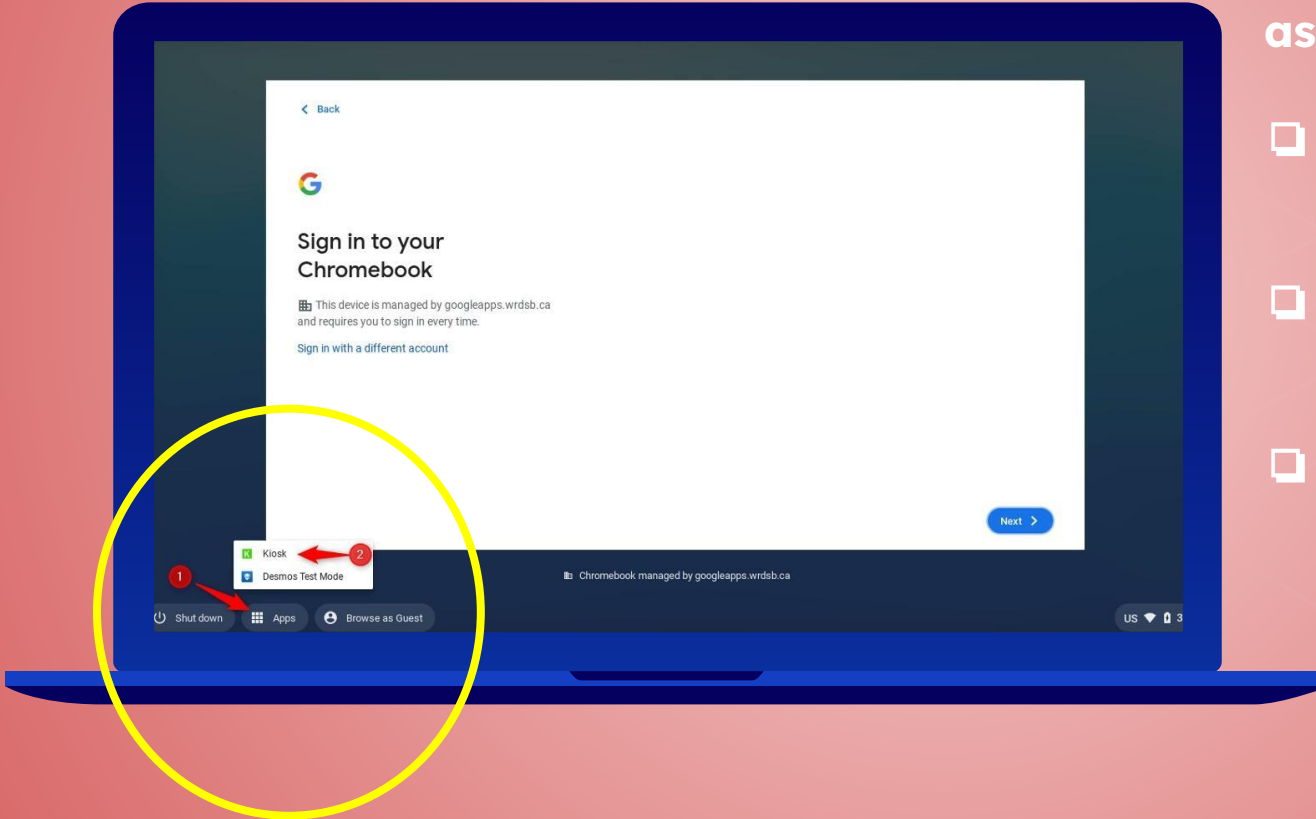
- Water / a snack
- A mouse
- Headphones
- Blank Paper
- A positive attitude ;)



How will I log into the OSSLT?

On the day of the assessment,

- ❑ Sign out of your account.
- ❑ Access the Kiosk App on your Chromebook
- ❑ Your teacher will give you a class specific code & your OEN to access the assessment.



What is Best way to Prepare for the OSSLT?

Access the online
Practice Test by
visiting the EQAO
website [HERE](#).



What tools will I be able to access?

The following short videos (1-3 minutes long each) show you how to use the technology in the test. Watch each one to familiarize yourself with the tools available and the structure of the new test.

[General Instructions](#)

[Tools Page](#)

[Help Page](#)

[Tools: Listen, Zoom, Line Reader, High Contrast](#)

[Tools: Draw, Highlight Erase](#)

[Rough Notes](#)

[Flagging Questions/Review and Submit](#)

[Starting the Test/Back to the Map](#)



100%



Tips to Consider

- ❑ Get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast
- ❑ Don't over think your answers
- ❑ Answer all of the questions
- ❑ Make your thinking visible - use the highlight or underline tool
- ❑ Read EVERYTHING slowly - and read ALL options before answering



Tips to Consider

- ❑ Brainstorm or plan your long answers - use specific examples
- ❑ Write in full sentences
- ❑ Use part of the question in your answer
- ❑ Proofread your answers when done!
 - You have 120 minutes or 150 minutes... so use it
- ❑ Don't stress - Use calming strategies, if needed



Strategies for Success

The following slideshows (and one video) are lessons for how to approach and answer the different kinds of questions you might be asked on the OSSLT. They are also good test-taking and grammar tips for any student. Check out each one.



Multiple Choice Questions

Finding Main Idea

Making Inferences

Open Response Questions

Opinion Essay

Transition Words and Phrases



QUESTIONS	
1-	<u>A</u> B C D
2-	A B C <u>D</u>
3-	A <u>B</u> C D
4-	A <u>B</u> C D
5-	A B <u>C</u> D
6-	<u>A</u> B C D

Additional Practice Resources:

Writing a Series of Paragraphs information and practice

Example essay (Thanks to ECI)

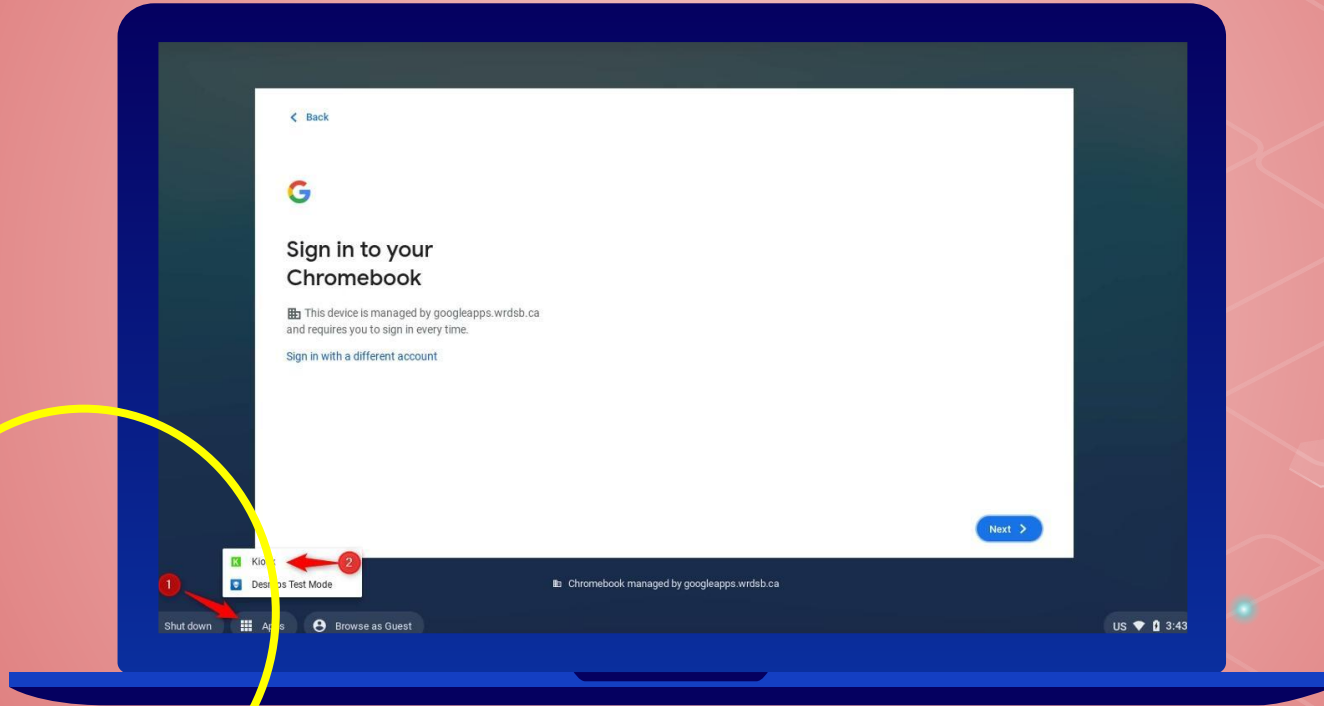
Exemplars

- Open-Response - Topic Development
- Opinion Essay - Topic Development & Conventions

Accessing the Kiosk App

Watch the video on the next slide to learn how to access the Kiosk App on a WRDSB Chromebook

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OSSLT Information Vidéo: What to Expect

