

DRA2 Enhancements: Customer FAQ's

- **How will the changes affect the DRA2 assessment?**
The assessment is now more seamless between text levels and between K-3 and 4-8. Any fall assessments that have been completed are still valid and will continue to guide instruction.
- **What are the DRA2 scoring changes?**
A 1-point shift was made in some of the DRA2 Continuums. Please see the DRA2 Quick Reference Chart for the exact changes by Level.
- **What's different in the Teacher Observation Guide?**
The intervention and instructional levels on the WPM fluency and accuracy boxes have been shaded to make the scoring easier. Captions have also been placed above these boxes labeling them to match the corresponding column on the continuum. These improvements will make the Teacher Observation Guides clearer and easier to use.
- **What is the impact on writing in Levels 28 – 38?**
Students being assessed using DRA2 levels 28 – 38 may now score in the instructional range in written comprehension. Independent oral reading scores remain the same.
- **How will the updated materials be made available?**
Updated Blackline Masters and Teacher's Guides for K-3 and 4-8 in PDF format are available on the Connect2DRA website. You may access these updates by logging on to www.Connect2DRA.com. After a simple registration process, you'll be able to view, download, and print BLM's for any Benchmark Assessment book as well as the Teacher Guide.
- **What if I have specific questions about the extent of the updates or how to access the updated components on the Internet?**
Please contact Lorraine Cranfill, Product Specialist, at PLG Customer Service. Lorraine may be reached by dialing (800) 321-3106 ext. 805.
- **Do we need to re-train our Teachers to administer the DRA2 as a result of these improvements?**
No. We will schedule several Web Ex sessions to review the scoring changes. In addition, in the very near future, we will have a BrainShark presentation available on the Connect2DRA website to also explain these changes. Please contact your local Pearson Learning Group Sales Representative for more information.
- **Will these changes have any impact on the first edition of DRA?**
No. If you are using the first edition of DRA, you will not be affected by these updates.

- **Since DRA Word Analysis is included in the complete DRA2 kit, were there updates also made to it?**
No. DRA Word Analysis remains unchanged.
- **Are the other DRA2 materials in my kit affected?**
The Benchmark Assessment Books, hanging file folders, Assessment Procedures Chart, and Clipboard and Timer are unaffected by these updates. Updated Student Assessment Folders are not available. The updated Student Book Graph is available in the updated Blackline Master Book, on the updated CD ROM, or on www.Connect2DRA.com.
- **Can I see a complete list of the updates that were made to DRA2 K-3 and 4-8?**
A quick reference chart is available from your sales representative, and is also posted on the Connect2DRA website. The chart is comprehensive, and upon careful analysis, you will note that there were only minimal changes made to the scoring of DRA2.
- **For DRA Online Management System Users: I am currently assessing and (or) entering data into the Online Management System. Should I stop?**
No. You do not need to stop entering assessment data into the online management system. The online management system will be updated shortly to reflect the enhancements made to the DRA2. Users will be notified when the online management system will be taken down for scheduled maintenance. To mitigate any disruption to your schedules, this will likely occur over a weekend. None of your assessment data previously entered will be impacted.
- **For DRA Online Management System Users: How will these improvements impact the data I have already entered? Do I need to re-enter the data?**
No. You will not need to re-enter any data as there will be no changes made to the student data you have already entered. Your focus for instruction groupings will not be affected.
- **For DRA Online Management System Users: How will my DRA2 reports be impacted?**
Teachers: Due to the DRA2 enhancements, some of the students in your classroom may move from Instructional to Independent, or vice versa, based upon their continuum scores. This will be reflected in any alert messages you receive while you enter your student assessment data. DRA2 OMS will continue to monitor your student's performance level and provide appropriate online direction. Please note that your student book graph reports will be automatically updated online to reflect the most current DRA2 enhancements.
Administrators: There will be no impact to the Administrator level reports resulting from the enhancements being made to the DRA2 online management system.
- **I am a DRA Online Management System User. Who may I contact for additional information regarding the DRA2 Online Management System?**
You may contact Lorraine Cranfill at (800) 321-3106 ext. 805.