As students engage with the Smarter Balanced assessments, they will be asked test questions that require them to respond in several ways, some of which may be new to students. Students will need to know how to drag-and-drop, select text, plot points or draw lines, and keyboard.

Smarter Balanced has produced several resources that teachers and students can use to get ready for the test, including the Practice and Training Tests. The Practice Tests and Training Tests are available at [http://californiatac.org/practice-and-training/index.html](http://californiatac.org/practice-and-training/index.html).

The following table catalogues each specific item type and briefly describes the student actions necessary to provide a response.

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| ELA and Math | Multiple choice, single correct response (radio buttons) | Select the radio button corresponding to an option. To deselect an option, select a different radio button. Select only one option. | Grade (G) 3 ELA, Question 4  
G3 Math, Question 10  
G4 ELA, Question 2  
G4 Math, Question 2  
G5 ELA, Question 2  
G5 Math, Question 1  
G6 ELA, Question 1  
G6 Math, Question 1  
G7 ELA, Question 2  
G7 Math, Question 3  
G8 ELA, Question 2  
G8 Math, Question 4  
G11 ELA, Question 1  
G11 Math, Question 24 | G3–5 ELA, Question 2, Part A  
G3–5 Math, Question 1  
G6–8, ELA, Question 4  
G6–8 Math, Question 7  
G11 ELA, Question 4 |
| ELA and Math | Multiple choice, single correct response (highlight) | Highlight an option by selecting an option. To deselect an option, select a different option. Select only one option. | G3 ELA, Question 10  
G4 ELA, Question 28  
G5 ELA, Question 10  
G6 ELA, Question 11  
G8 ELA, Question 1  
G11 ELA, Question 2  
G11 Math, Question 14, Part B | None available |
| ELA and Math | Multiple choice, multiple correct responses ( checkboxes) | Mark a checkbox corresponding to an option. To deselect an option, select the checkbox that is already marked. Mark one or more options. | G3 ELA, Question 6  
G3 Math, Question 7  
G4 ELA, Question 3  
G4 Math, Question 19  
G5 ELA, Question 19  
G5 Math, Question 26  
G6 ELA, Question 7  
G6 Math, Question 7  
G7 ELA, Question 7  
G7 Math, Question 7  
G8 ELA, Question 7 | G3–5 ELA, Question 2, Part B  
G3–5 Math, Question 6  
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<td>Multiple choice, multiple correct responses (highlight)</td>
<td>Highlight an option by selecting it. To deselect an option, select the previously highlighted option. Select one or more options.</td>
<td>G3 ELA, Question 1 G3 Math, Question 4 G4 ELA, Question 20 (Highlight sentences in a paragraph) G4 Math, Question 10 G5 ELA, Question 17 G6 ELA, Question 21 G7 ELA, Question 1 G7 Math, Question 21 Part A G8 ELA, Question 3 G11 ELA, Question 10 G11 Math, Question 4</td>
<td>None available</td>
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<td>ELA and Math</td>
<td>Matching Tables (variation using True/False or Yes/No format)</td>
<td>Select a checkbox corresponding to an option in a table cell. To deselect an option, select a checkbox that is already marked.</td>
<td>G3 ELA, Question 29 G3 Math, Question 2 G4 Math, Question 4 G5 ELA, Question 22 G5 Math, Question 22 G6 Math, Question 3 G7 ELA, Question 26 G7 Math, Question 18 G8 ELA, Question 2 G11 ELA, Question 30 G11 Math, Question 3</td>
<td>G3–5 ELA, Question 6 G3–5 Math, Question 6 G6–8 ELA, Question 4 G6–8 Math, Question 6 G11 ELA, Question 6 G11 Math, Question 3</td>
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<td>ELA and Math</td>
<td>Short Text</td>
<td>Respond via keyboard entry into a multiline text box (no text formatting). This item type offers the ability to edit previously entered text.</td>
<td>G3 ELA, Question 18 G4 ELA, Question 17 G5 ELA, Question 16 G6 ELA, Question 4 G7 ELA, Question 2 G8 ELA, Question 4 G8 Math, Question 20 G11 ELA, Question 12 G11 Math, Question 18</td>
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<td>Drag and Drop (select and move objects)</td>
<td>Select and drag an object to the appropriate location in the Question response area.</td>
<td>G3 Math, Question 9&lt;br&gt;G4 Math, Question 7&lt;br&gt;G5 Math, Question 21&lt;br&gt;G6 Math, Question 4 Part B&lt;br&gt;G7 Math, Question 8&lt;br&gt;G8 Math, Question 1&lt;br&gt;G11 Math, Question 1</td>
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<td>Math Only</td>
<td>Hot Spot</td>
<td>Select targeted areas in the response area.</td>
<td>G3 Math, Question 22&lt;br&gt;G4 Math, Question 24&lt;br&gt;G5 Math, Question 16&lt;br&gt;G6 Math, Question 4 Part A&lt;br&gt;G7 Math, Question 13&lt;br&gt;G8 Math, Question 21&lt;br&gt;G11 Math, Question 10</td>
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<td>Math Only</td>
<td>Table Fill In</td>
<td>Respond via keyboard entry into table cells or drag/drop objects into table cells.</td>
<td>G4 Math, Question 17&lt;br&gt;G6 Math, Question 27&lt;br&gt;G8 Math, Question 28&lt;br&gt;G11 Math, Question 23</td>
<td>G3–5 Math, Question 9&lt;br&gt;G6–8 Math, Question 3&lt;br&gt;G11 Math, Question 7</td>
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<td>Math Only</td>
<td>Graphing</td>
<td>Select the [Add Point] icon and then select the Question response area to create a new point. To remove the point, select the [Delete] icon and then select the point to be deleted. or Select the [Connect Line] icon and then select the Question response area where the line is to start. Select and drag to the area where the line is to end. To remove the line, select the [Delete] icon and then select the line to be deleted.</td>
<td>G3 Math, Question 6&lt;br&gt;G6 Math, Question 6&lt;br&gt;G8 Math, Question 5&lt;br&gt;G11 Math, Question 7</td>
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| Math Only    | Equation/ Numeric | Select buttons representing numbers and mathematic symbols to create a numeric response or equation. | G3 Math, Question 3  
G4 Math, Question 1  
G5 Math, Question 14  
G6 Math, Question 2  
G7 Math, Question 1  
G8 Math, Question 3  
G11 Math, Question 2 | G3–5 Math, Question 2  
G6–8 Math, Question 2  
G11 Math, Question 4 |
| ELA Only     | Two-part multiple choice, with evidence responses | Questions are multiple-choice (radio buttons) or multiple-choice (highlight). | G3 ELA, Question 13  
G4 ELA, Question 10  
G7 ELA, Question 5  
G11 ELA, Question 5 | G3–5 ELA, Question 2  
G6–8 ELA, Question 3  
G11 ELA, Question 2 |
| ELA Only     | Hot Text (select and move text) | Select text and then select and drag text to a new area. | G3 ELA, Question 16  
G11 ELA, Question 16 | None available |
| ELA Only     | Listening Tasks | Student must start or pause an audio clip by selecting buttons. | G3 ELA, Question 22  
G4 ELA, Question 22  
G5 ELA, Question 25  
G6 ELA, Question 22  
G7 ELA, Question 25  
G8 ELA, Question 22  
G11 ELA, Question 22 | G3-5 ELA, Question 5  
G6-8 ELA, Question 4  
G11 ELA, Question 5 |
| ELA Only     | Essay | Respond via keyboard entry using text formatting buttons. Test-taker can edit previously entered text. | ELA Performance Tasks | None available |

### Technical skills to access embedded resources

To access some of the embedded resources (such as strikethrough, highlighter, American Sign Language videos, and text-to-speech) that are available to help work through these item types, students may need to access the context menu with their right mouse button. Please note the method to access the menu is dependent on the student’s device type. Devices and methods are shown in the table below.

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<td>Select with the right mouse button.</td>
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<td>Mac OS-based desktop or laptop (one-button mouse)</td>
<td>Hold down the [Ctrl] key on keyboard and then select with the mouse button.</td>
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<td>iPad tablet (touchscreen)</td>
<td>Tap on the menu in the upper-left corner of the secure browser application.</td>
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