

Alternative Assessment Tools

Standardized Assessments

- CASAS (Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System) is based on life skills. It was adopted by the California Department of Education as its required assessment for programs receiving funding administered by the State. See www.casas.org
- TABE (Tests of Adult Basic Education) is normed to grade levels. It is published by McGraw Hill. See <http://www.ctb.com/ctb.com/control/productFamilyViewAction?productFamilyId=608&p=products>
- BEST Literacy and BEST Plus test the skills of English language learners. See <http://www.cal.org/aea/>

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- New to assessments? **A Primer: Diagnostic, Formative, & Summative Assessment**, by Richard Swearingen, Heritage University, 2002, is a good introduction to the topic. (http://lincs.ed.gov/lincs/resourcecollections/abstracts/programplanning/RC_plan_abs34.html)
- In addition to Roles and Goals, CLLS programs employ a variety of formal and informal assessments to measure the reading and writing progress of adult learners. Click [here](#) to see **Adult Learner Assessment Idea Source Book**, CLLS, 2003 (<http://www.libraryliteracy.org/staff/rg/resources.html>)