

Knowledge Challenges are tests that you take on your own. You can take Knowledge Challenges at home, at school, or anywhere you have an Internet-ready computer. You can pick the kind of test you want to take, and you can take as many tests as you like.

Types of Tests

- **Skill sets** are short, 10-item tests that focus on specific skill areas. Skill sets give practice on specific skills and can be used for quick assessments of a skill area. This is the type of test you will use most often.
- **Strand tests** are about 25–30 questions long and are designed to show your strengths and needs in the selected content area. These are available for all subject areas.
- **Grade-level tests** cover the objectives for the entire subject and grade. They are 25–30 questions long.

When to Use a Knowledge Challenge

- After you have finished a chapter in class to determine if you know the required skills
- To explore new topics not yet covered in class
- For extra credit or as homework

Selecting a Knowledge Challenge

- 1 From the Main Menu, click **Test Administration**.
- 2 Select **Knowledge Challenge**.
- 3 If you see your state, select a subject listed under that state. If you don't see your state, select a subject from the National Plus list.
- 4 Decide which test type you want to take. Most of the time, you will want to choose a skill set or a strand test. Next, click a level under the test type you want. For a skill set, you will select either elementary school level or middle school level.
- 5 From the next list, select the specific test you want to take.
- 6 Then, you will start the test. Read each question carefully and mark your answer by clicking the oval just before the answer. Your answer will be saved and marked dark blue. You may need to wait a second for the computer to save your answer. Once your answer is saved, the yellow circle for this item at the bottom of the screen will change to green.
- 7 To move to the next question, click **Next** at the bottom of your screen. You can also click the next yellow circle to see the next question.
- 8 Follow the same steps to mark your answer and move to the other test questions.
- 9 When you have finished your test, click **Exit** at the bottom of the screen.

How to Use a Knowledge Challenge

After you finish a chapter in your textbook with your class, take a Knowledge Challenge on that topic to see if you have remembered all the information that the teacher has shared with you. Once you receive your report, you can see if you are ready to move to the next chapter or if you need to go back and reread some sections.

Do you have questions about this feature?

Call PLATO Learning Customer Support at 800.869.2200.