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- Gain reliable diagnostic and predictive information
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Progress in Reading and Language Assessment (PiRA) is a suite of standardised termly tests that enable schools to accurately measure and predict students' progress in reading as they begin to develop the knowledge and skills they need for GCSE.

- Generates reliable diagnostic information to support and guide effective teaching and learning.
- Offers comprehensive, standardised attainment and progress data.
- Provides a common language for teachers to describe and compare student performance.

How can I use PiRA in my school?

Works alongside any Key Stage 3 English scheme.

Curriculum maps summarise what is covered in each test. This enables schools to quickly and easily check that they have taught all content covered in the test, ensuring valid and reliable results.

These curriculum maps can be used by schools following either a two or three year Key Stage 3.

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Key information

Age range covered: 11 to 14 years

Number of tests: Three per year group from Year 7 to Year 9

Ideal testing time: Second half of each term

Content covered: All of the assessable elements from the English programme of study for KS3

Standardised on a nationally representative sample of over 3,500 students

19 Complete the table below explaining how aspects of the setting in paragraph 1 help to create a particular mood. Link each aspect of the setting to a different mood. One has been done for you.

Aspect of the setting in paragraph 1	The mood it creates
the high moor	creates a mood of isolation and mystery
the darker hour	
the mist	

20 Look at lines 19-22. What two things could Beowulf see at this point in the story? Tick two.

<input type="checkbox"/> the outline of Grendel	
<input type="checkbox"/> the flames of the fire	
<input type="checkbox"/> the shape of Grendel	
<input type="checkbox"/> the sky	

GCSE-style questions appropriate for all exam boards from Year 7.

Engaging age-appropriate extracts.

Written by KS3 experts.

This is an extract from Dragon Slayer, a story set in Denmark in the 10th century. Write an essay. Grendel's strange creature is attacking the Danes. Beowulf, a warrior, has come to help them get rid of the monster. How Beowulf and his men, the Geats, have led themselves into the most awful of traps for Grendel.

Grendel - the Night-Stalker

In the darkest hour of the night Grendel came to Heorot, the great mead hall, as he had done so many times before, and from the floor and over the high seats, through the maze that seemed to tremble with him under the palm-trees, Grendel the Night-Stalker, the Death-Shadow, he came to the porch and snatched about it, and snatched the mead-cup, and found that the door which had stood unwatched for him so long was barred and locked. Shouting in rage that any man should dare to keep him out, Grendel set the bar of his silver-ringed hands against the masonry and burst there in.

Dark as it was, the hall seemed to fill with a monstrous shadow as he crept, a shadow to which Beowulf half-awakened eyes, those blinking himself in frozen stiffness, could make out no shape nor clear outline except for two eyes filled with a wretched greenish flame.

The hellishness of his own eyes showed Grendel the shapes of men as if asleep among them, and he did not notice among them one who wakened up in his sleep. Laughing in his throat, Grendel reached out and grabbed young Hrothgar who lay nearest to him, and almost before his victim had time to cry out, saw his hands from both and drank the warm blood. Then while the young warrior writhed shriek still being upon the air, he reached for another. But this time his hand was met and seized in a grasp such as he had never felt before: a grasp that had in it the strength of thirty men. And for the first time for who had fought four in an enemy caught the taste of it himself, knowing that at last he had met his match and maybe his master.

Sample pages from the PiRA Year 8 Autumn test



What diagnostic information will I gain for my students?

The PiRA tests enable schools to build a comprehensive profile of each student's performance. These include:

- **Standardised scores**

Immediately see whether the student is above or below the national average for their year cohort.

- **Age-standardised scores**

Assess how the student is doing against other students of the same age (calculated in months for accuracy).

- **Performance indicators**

Compare each student's score to performance within the standardisation sample and understand whether their attainment is above, below or within the national average.

Mapping to GCSE grades for all year groups available online

- **Reading ages**

Get a quick measure of ability against the age at which the student's performance is typical.

- **Hodder Scale scores**

Our independent scale – allows fine monitoring of progress and the prediction of future performance.

How can I use the tests to support both teachers and students?



All PiRA Key Stage 3 tests are supported by free online gap analysis and reports to help guide planning, teaching and intervention.

This reliable data will help you to:

- ✓ see how a student has performed compared to others of his/her age or year group nationally
- ✓ provide evidence of whether students have made good progress across the year and key stage
- ✓ instantly analyse gaps in knowledge
- ✓ set individual and class targets that are appropriate and realistic.



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