How to use the Read&Write toolbar

within Kentucky TestNav for accommodated state testing

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Page-6 of the KDE Online Testing Toolbox covers Accommodated Practice Tests (Text-To-Speech).

Visit this link to access Grade 5, 8, and 11 Accommodated Practice Tests on the KY Portal (see highlighted example).

- Editing & Mechanics Accommodated Practice Test and Answer Key/Rubrics
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- Reading Accommodated Practice Test and Answer Key/Rubrics
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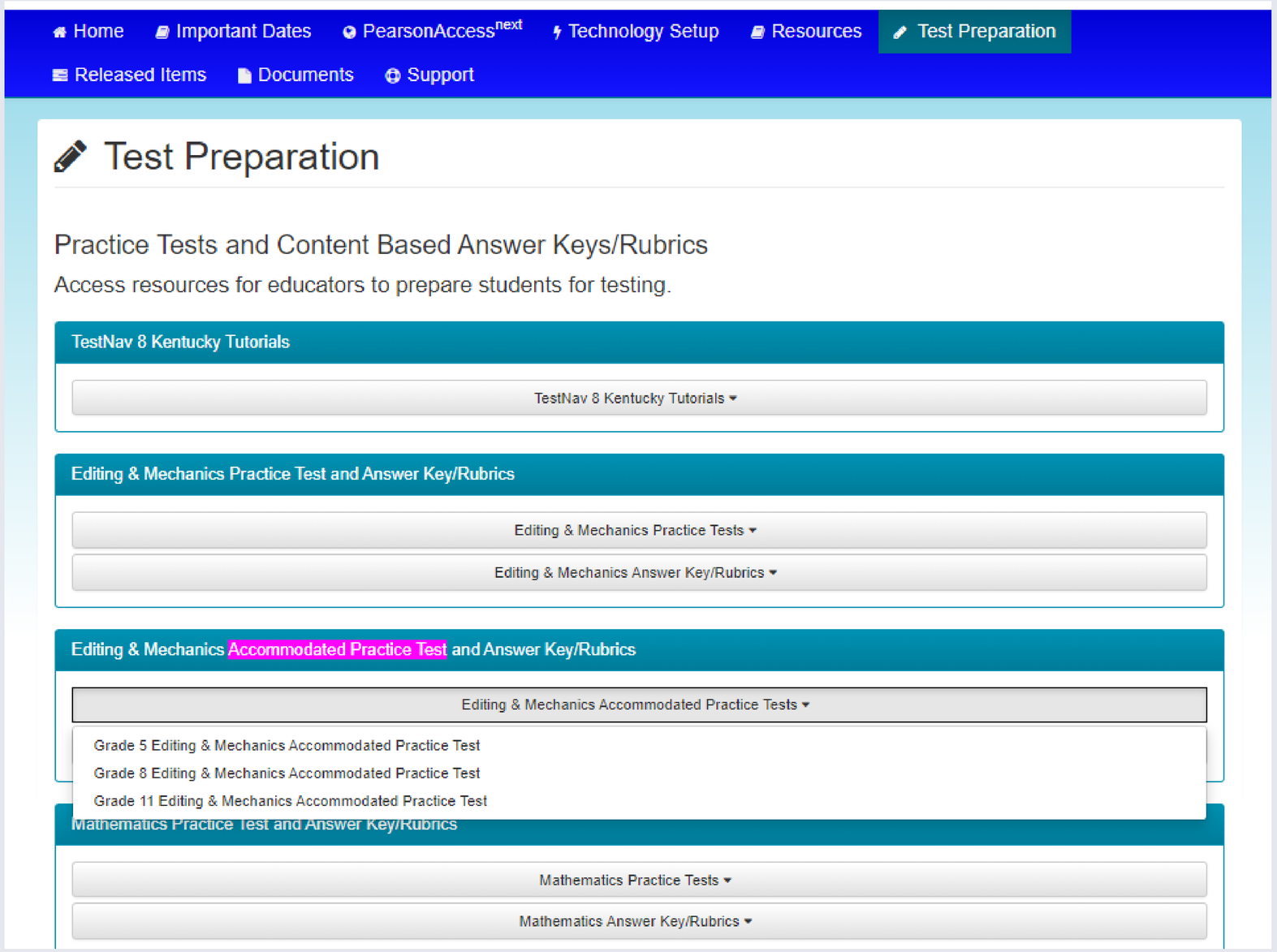
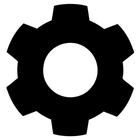
- Social Studies Accommodated Practice Test and Answer Key/Rubrics
- Writing Accommodated Practice Test and Answer Key/Rubrics



Close up view of the Read&Write toolbar options

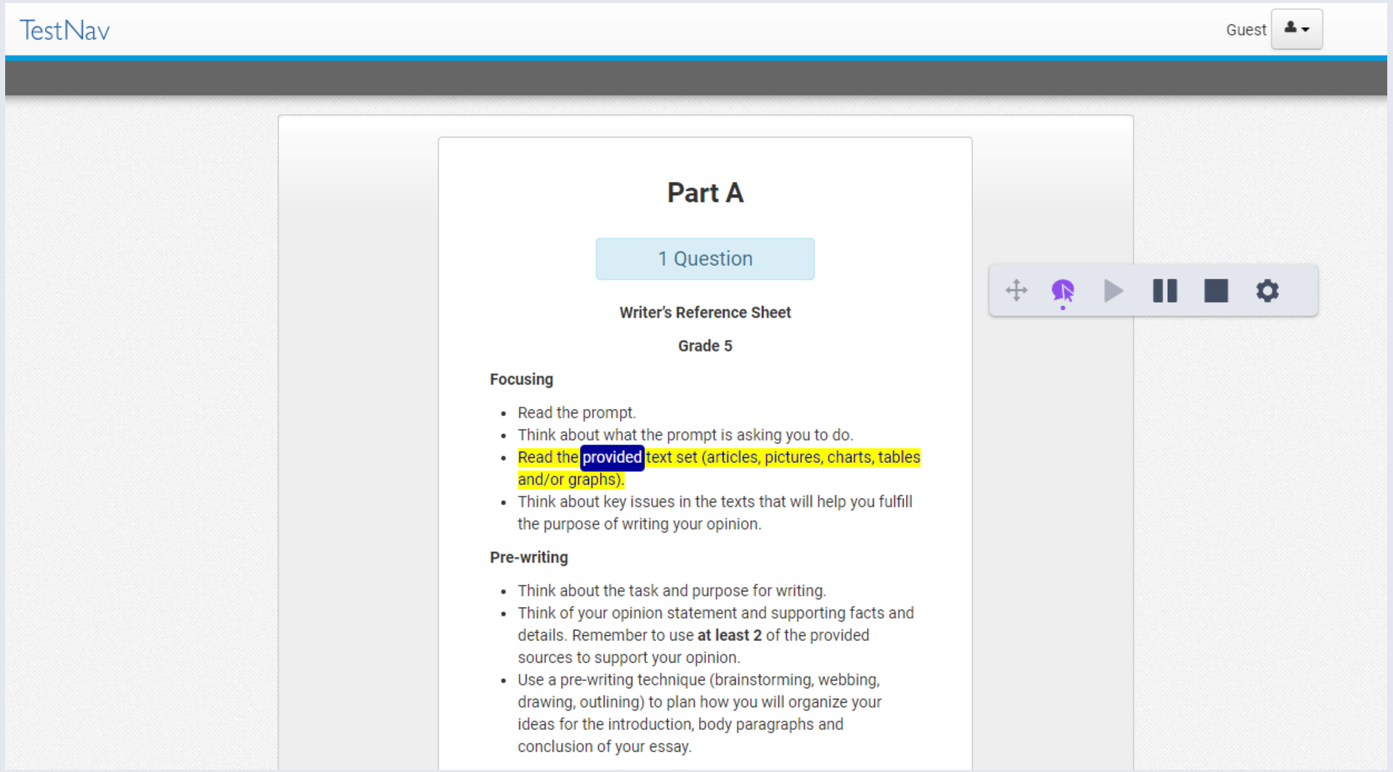
Select the ‘click to speak’ button, then click anywhere in the text to start reading aloud.

Play--Pause--Stop



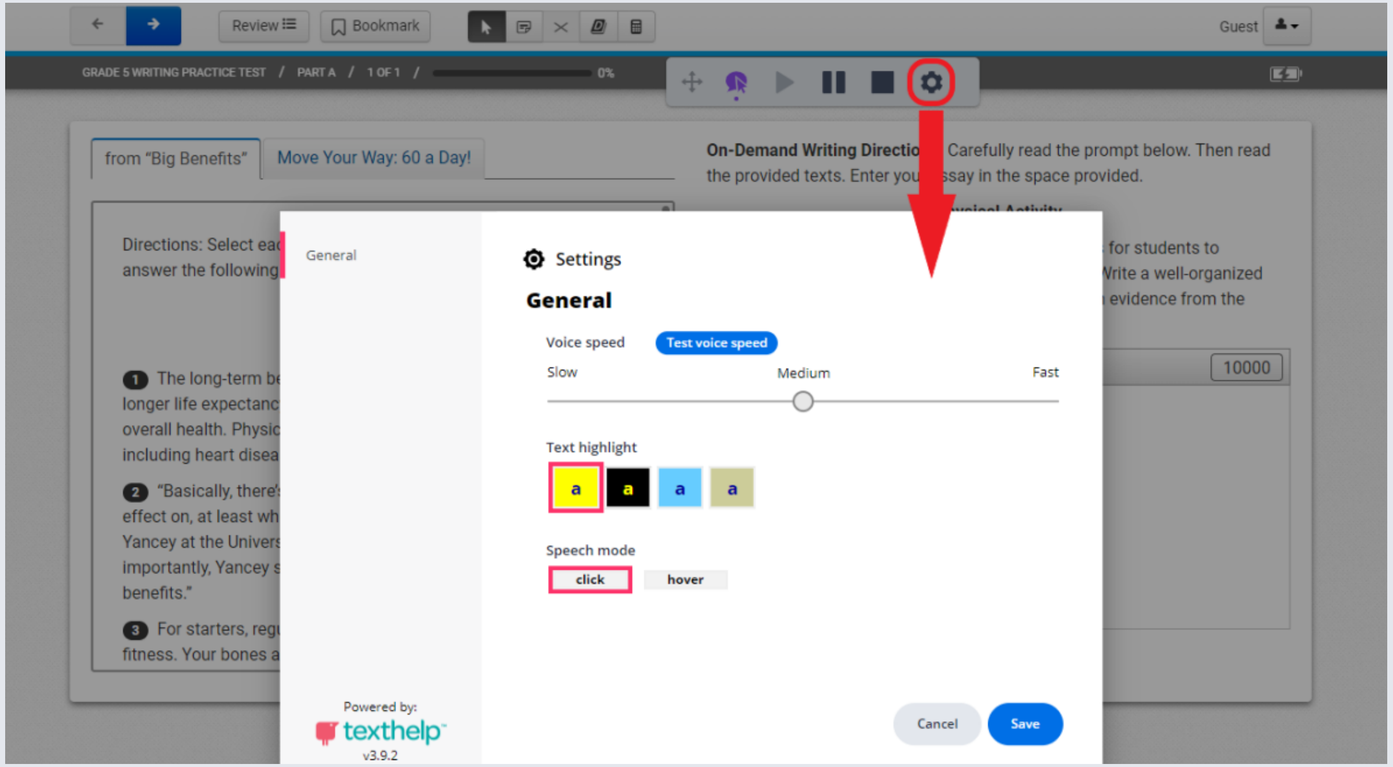
Settings

Here is the Read&Write toolbar within a Kentucky TestNav Accommodated Practice Test



Click the gear symbol to open the Settings menu:

- Students can adjust voice speed:
  Slow -- Medium -- Fast
- There are 4 Text Highlight options
- Choose from 2 Speech Mode options: click OR hover



Students can choose their favorite Text Highlight option as shown below:

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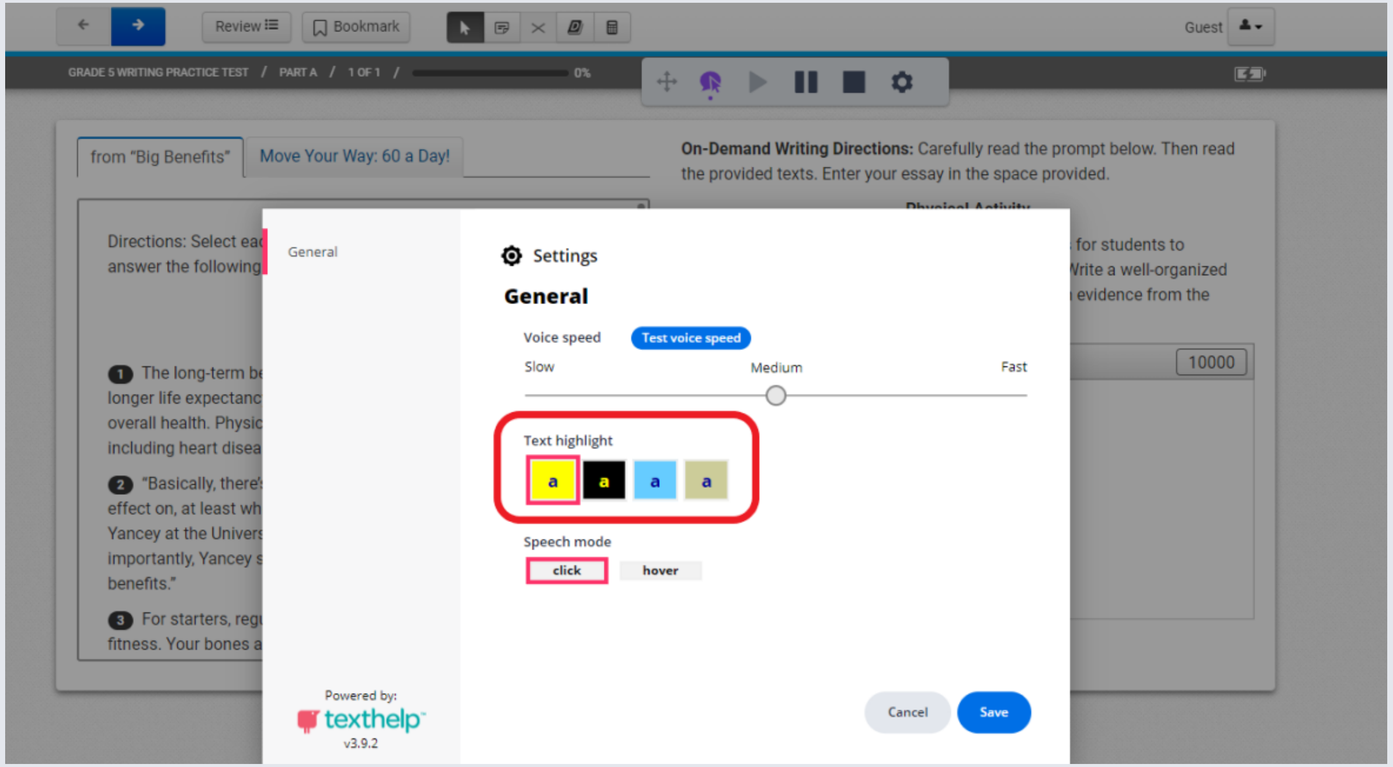
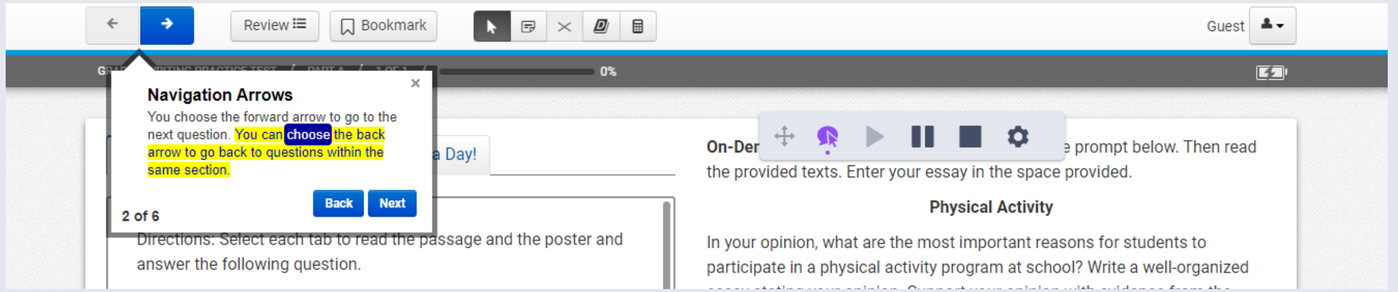
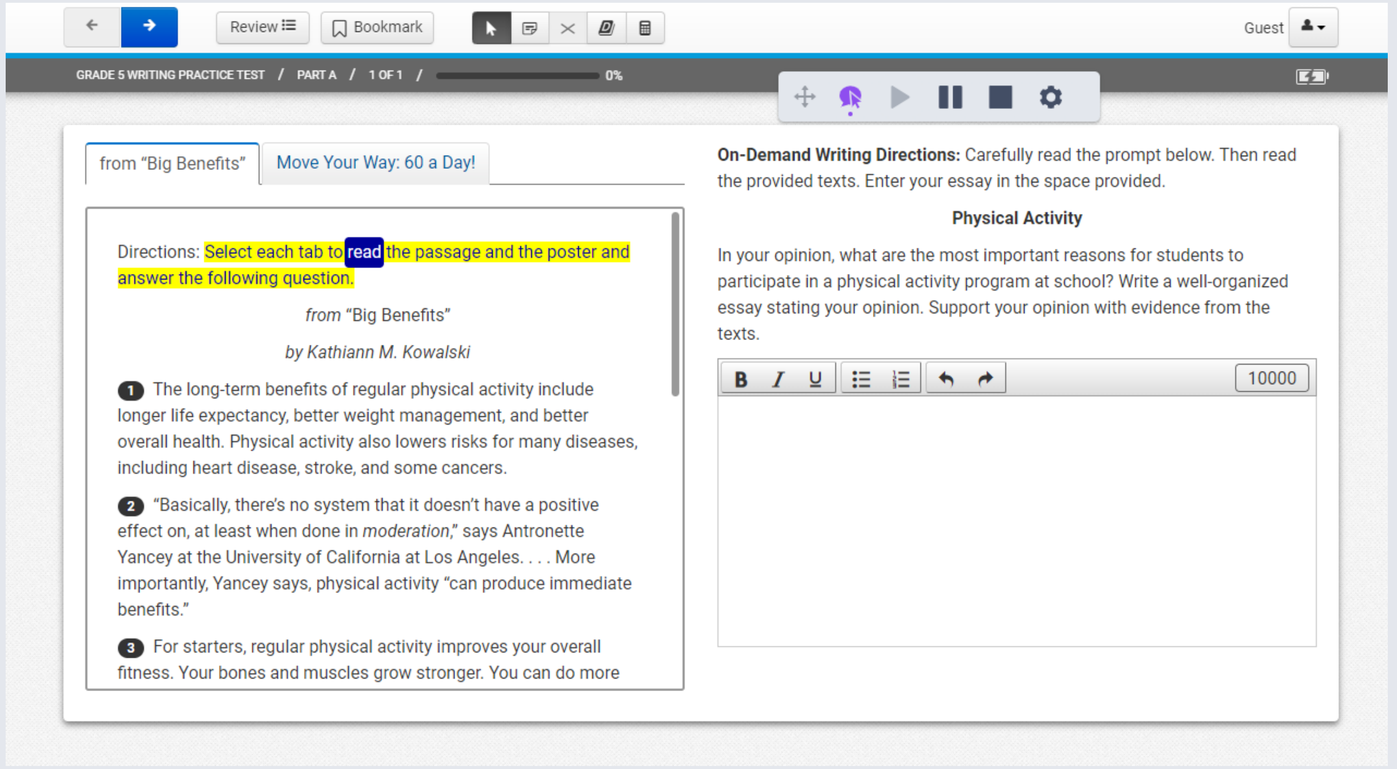


Example of Read&Write reading instructions within a TestNav drop down box.

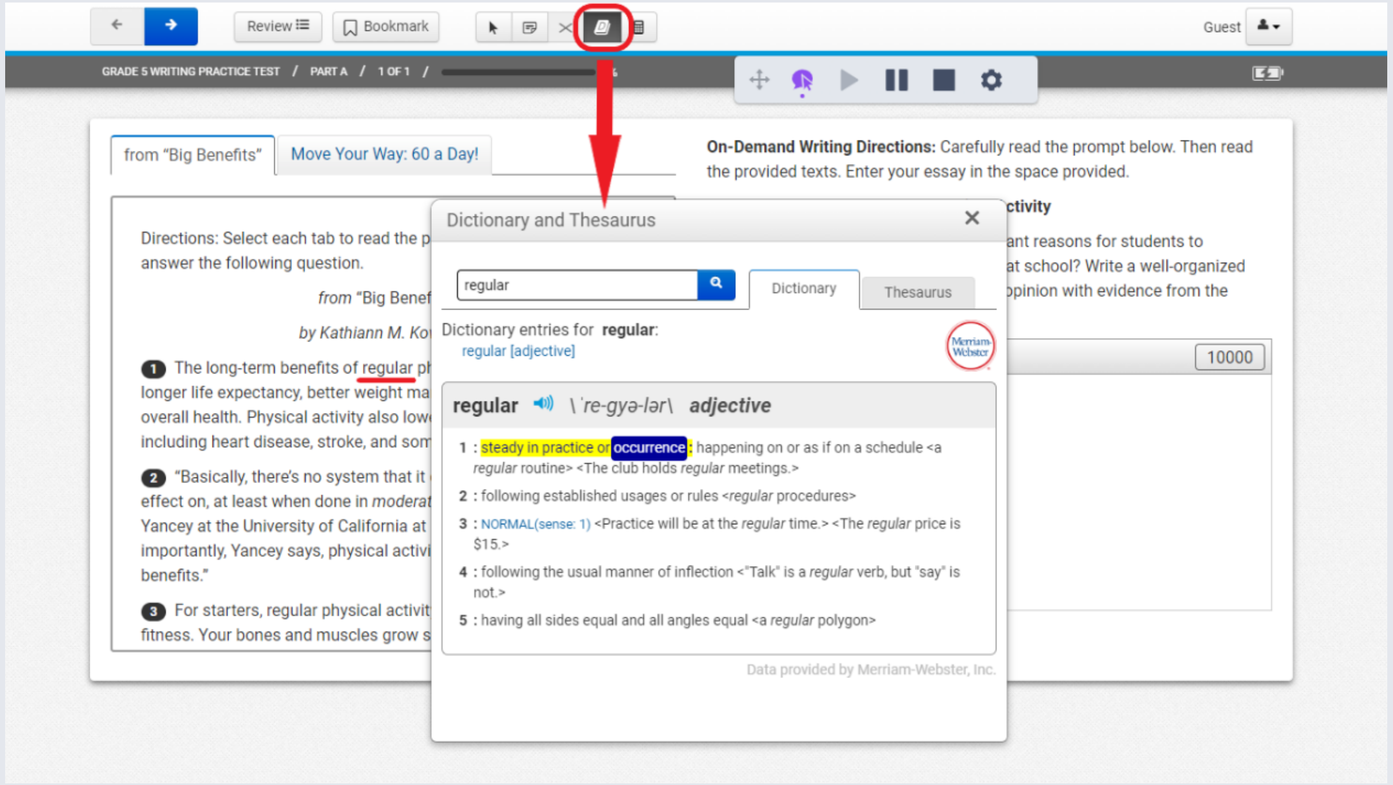


Example of Read&Write reading directions within a TestNav passage.



In the Grade 5 Writing Accommodated Practice Test, students can open the TestNav Dictionary and Thesaurus.

Just type a word and then hit the blue search button to access the definition. Use Read&Write to read the definition aloud as shown.



Access the KDE Online Testing Toolbox

Text-To-Speech

The Text-To-Speech capability in TestNav was developed by TextHelp and has nearly the same functionality as previous text reader software.

In order for a student to receive the TTS functionality during testing the functionality will need to be turned on in PAN, **before** the student is placed into a session. To setup a student for TTS the DAC/BAC will have two options.

- The DAC/BAC can enter the information into PAN via the User Interface (UI)
- The DAC/BAC can export a file from PAN, make updates to the student record on the file, and import the file back in to PAN.

Detailed instructions for this are posted in the Text to Speech (TTS) and IEP/504 Instructions located on the Kentucky Portal under the Guidance Tab.

It is highly advisable that students and staff practice the new Text-To-Speech system by utilizing the accommodated practice tests which has the Text-To-Speech activated.

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