What is the **illustration glossary**?

The **illustration glossary** is a Designated Support for mathematics to help students understand words or phrases in test questions when they may not benefit from the text-based glossaries (currently offered in English and 13 other languages) or American Sign Language videos.

The illustration glossary is available for practice tests, interim assessments, fixed-form summative assessments, and paper-pencil assessments. An adaptive version for the summative assessment is being developed for future years.

A dotted line above or below a word or phrase indicates an available illustration.

When students hover over the term, it becomes highlighted, and when it is selected, a pop-up window with the illustration appears.

Students can adjust the size and placement of each illustration depending on their needs and preferences.

**Did you know...**

Smarter Balanced worked with students and educators in member states and national experts, to develop this resource.

Educators can combine the illustration glossary with other resources if it benefits the student.

**Which students most benefit from the illustration glossary?**

- English learners (ELs)
- Students with varying proficiency in one of the current translated glossary languages who would benefit from current illustration supports
- Students who are deaf/hard of hearing and use sign systems other than American Sign Language
- Students whose primary languages are not included in the text-based glossaries

**Where can I learn more about the illustration glossary?**

- Try the illustration glossary on your [local practice test](#)
- See the [Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines (UAAG)](#)
- View [technical specifications](#)

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