

# Understanding Your Child's IXL Flex Diagnostic Results



## What is the IXL Flex Diagnostic and why is my child taking it?

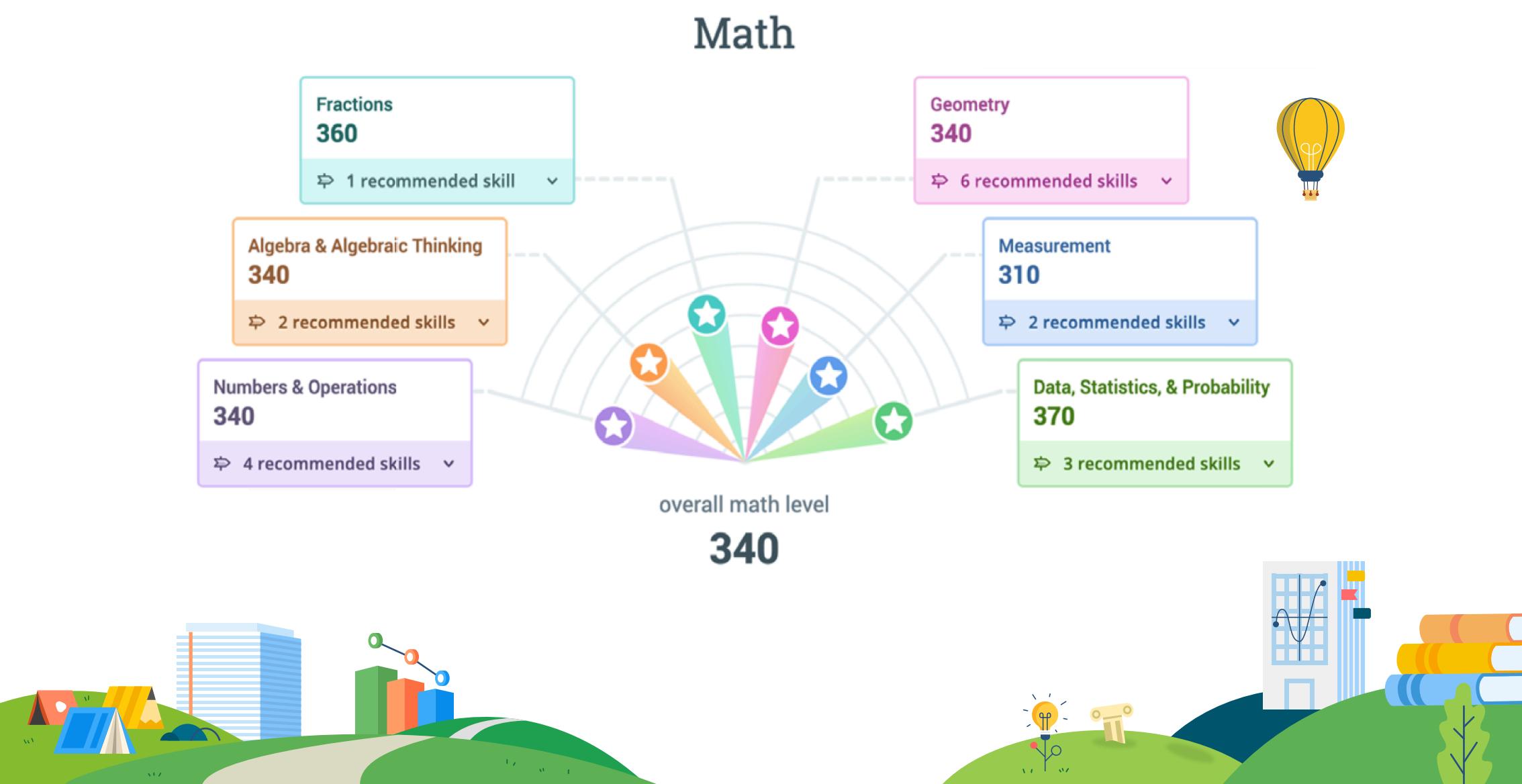
The IXL Flex Diagnostic is an assessment that provides an accurate picture of your child's current skill level in math and language arts. With information about your child's strengths and areas for growth from the assessment, teachers can make aligned instructional decisions, tailor support for individual students, and ensure all students have a clear plan to grow.

Many schools also use the Flex Diagnostic throughout the school year to keep a clear picture of what students have learned and track their progress.

## How do I see my child's Diagnostic score?

On your child's IXL account, you can view their Diagnostic results on their personalized Action Plan. The Diagnostic Action Plan is located on your child's [Assessment tab](#) and highlights:

- Your child's overall score and scores in specific learning areas, which correspond to grade levels. For example, an overall score of 550 means your child understands about half of 5th-grade material.
- Recommended skills for your child to practice. These skills are personalized based on your child's scores and provide the perfect skills to help them grow from where they are.
- Scroll down and select "Print your action plan" to view and print the full list of skills your child should focus on next.



## What do my child's scores mean?

Diagnostic scores correspond to grade levels, which makes it easy to see if your child is working at, above, or below their current grade level! For example, a score of 370 means your child is working on 3rd-grade material and understands about 70% of it; while a score of 400 indicates your child is ready to start 4th-grade material. An increase of 10 points in your child's score indicates about a month of growth.

In addition to overall scores for math and language arts, the Diagnostic gives scores in specific learning areas or strands (e.g., Vocabulary, Writing Strategies, and Grammar & Mechanics within language arts). These scores follow the same design as the overall score, so you can tell exactly where your child is performing for each strand.

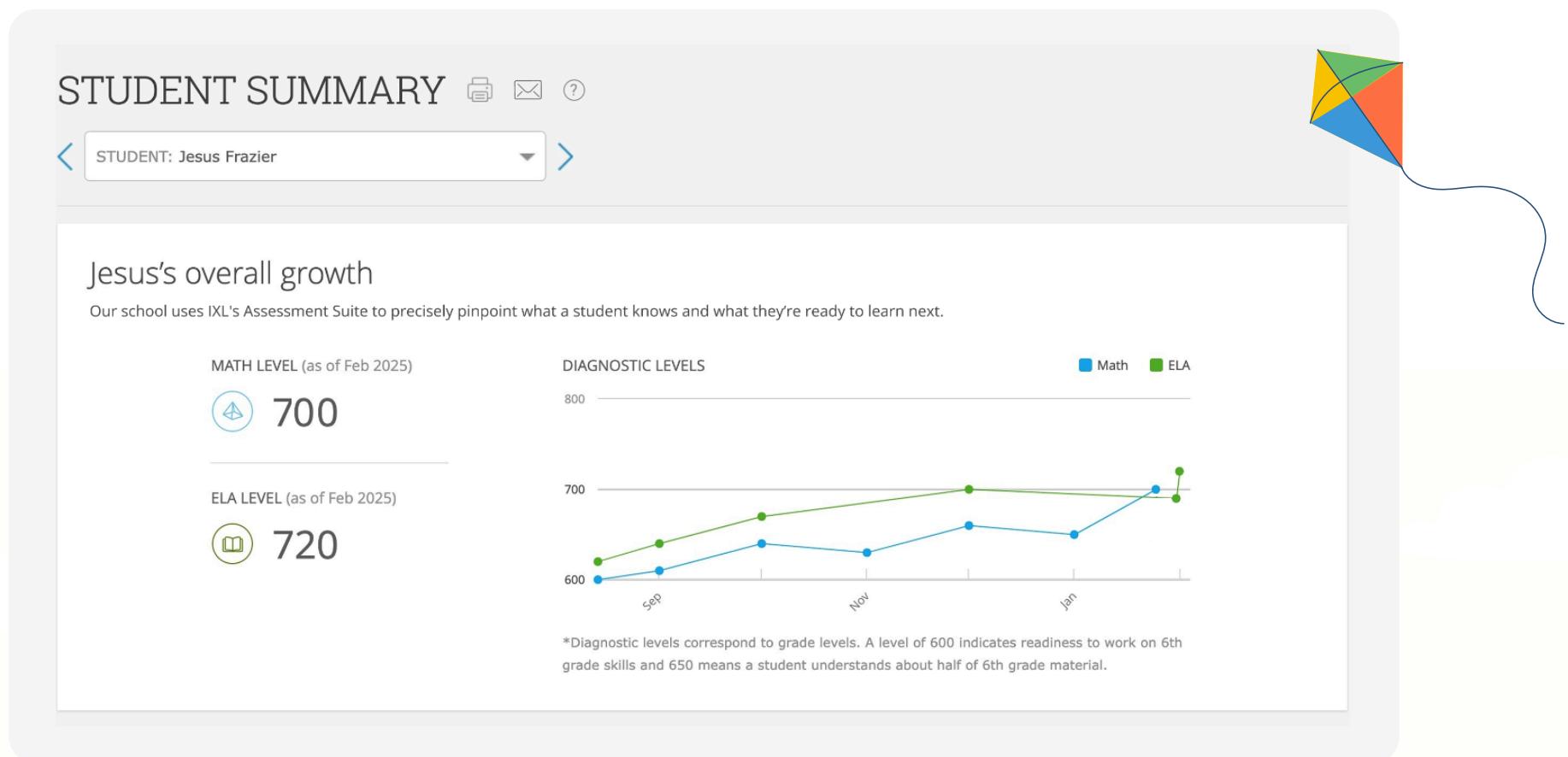
Teachers will use this data to personalize instruction, assign targeted IXL skills for your child to practice, and monitor progress over time.

## Why have my child's Action Plan and scores changed between Benchmarks?

The Flex Diagnostic can also provide ongoing, real-time updates on your child's progress between Benchmarks. When their teacher utilizes the Diagnostic between Benchmarks, your child's Action Plan will automatically update with the levels and recommended skills that reflect their current knowledge.

You can also use the [Student Summary](#) report, located on your child's Analytics tab, to see:

- Your child's current and previous Diagnostic scores, so you can see how they've grown!
- An overview of IXL skills they have practiced, the areas they should focus on, and the biggest opportunity for growth.



This is also a way for teachers to get frequent information about your child's performance, so they can adjust instruction and support your child in the best way possible.



## What can I do to support my child?

Encourage your child to practice regularly on IXL, especially focusing on the recommended skills from their Action Plan, starting with the strands they are scoring the lowest in. They should aim for a SmartScore of 80 on each skill, which indicates your child has reached proficiency.

Most importantly, celebrate their growth along the way—progress, even in small steps, is an achievement to be proud of and can help keep them motivated.

### Where can I find more information?

If you have additional questions about your child's progress and how you can best support their growth, please reach out to your child's teacher(s).

Check out the helpful articles in the [IXL blog](#) to learn more about the [Diagnostic Action Plan](#) and much more!

