The Snapshot mode for the Real-Time Diagnostic allows you to get all the benefits of a benchmark assessment but in a flexible, lightweight format.

- Get accurate data on students’ grade-level proficiency in key strands
- Assess students in as little as 45 minutes per subject
- Meet each student’s needs with personalized learning plans
- Track progress over time

Steps to successful implementation

1. Set up a Snapshot at the beginning of the year
2. Use Snapshot insights for planning and instruction
3. Check student progress with a mid-year Snapshot
4. Create a Snapshot to get year-end data

**Set up a Snapshot in the fall**

Create a Snapshot window at the beginning of the school year to understand where students are starting at.

- **Open a Snapshot window:**
  The primary administrator for your IXL account can set up the Snapshot from their Settings page. You can customize:
  - Start and end date of the Snapshot window
  - Subject/s to assess (math and/or ELA)
  - Grade levels to assign the Snapshot to
  - Name of the Snapshot (e.g., “Fall benchmark - 5th grade”)
• **Have teachers guide students to complete the Snapshot**
  Share this guide with teachers to help them understand their role in facilitating the Snapshot.

• **Monitor completion of the Snapshot**
  Visit your Diagnostic Levels report to check whether students have finished their Snapshot, and follow up with schools and teachers as needed.
2 Use Snapshot insights for planning and instruction

Insights from the Diagnostic Snapshot can be used by both you and your teachers to make decisions about how to help students grow.

- **Leverage district-/school-wide data:**

- After the Snapshot window closes, visit your Diagnostic Levels report to quickly see whether students across your district/school are currently on, above, or below grade level. You can also download the assessment data as a .csv file (by clicking the export icon at the top of the report).

- Use the insights to identify areas for improvement and hold data-driven conversations with stakeholders.

- **Help teachers use insights for differentiated instruction:**

- Using insights from the diagnostic, IXL creates a personalized Snapshot Diagnostic Action Plan for each student.

- The action plan guides students to the specific IXL skills that will help fill their knowledge gaps and build on their existing knowledge.
• Encourage teachers to use the action plans to accelerate growth for each student
• Have students click directly on their recommended IXL skills to start closing gaps and making progress right away.

• Share [this guide](#) with teachers to help them understand how to interpret and use the action plans.

3 Check student progress with a mid-year Snapshot

Set up another Snapshot midway through the year to understand whether students are demonstrating adequate progress.

Students will receive updated action plans, which they can use to continue growing from where they are.
Near the end of the year, have students complete a final Snapshot.

- **For grade levels that will be taking a state assessment**, set up the Snapshot about one month prior to the test date, which will allow you and your teachers to evaluate students’ readiness for the exams and adjust instruction accordingly.

- **For non-tested grade levels**, set up the Snapshot for a few weeks before the end of the school year. Review the insights to understand the progress students have made.

Optional: Use the Real-Time Diagnostic as an instructional diagnostic

The Real-Time Diagnostic is flexible: In addition to district-/school-wide benchmarking, it can provide immediate insights that support your teachers’ daily instruction.

- Between Snapshots, teachers can use the Real-Time Diagnostic at any time to get more frequent data on their students’ knowledge.

- It takes as little as 10 minutes a week to maintain students’ levels and receive updated action plans.

- These up-to-date overall and strand levels help teachers make better decisions about how to differentiate instruction, plan for small-group instruction, and help students close knowledge gaps efficiently.

Share this 3-step implementation guide or video with your teachers to show them how to leverage diagnostic insights throughout the year!