



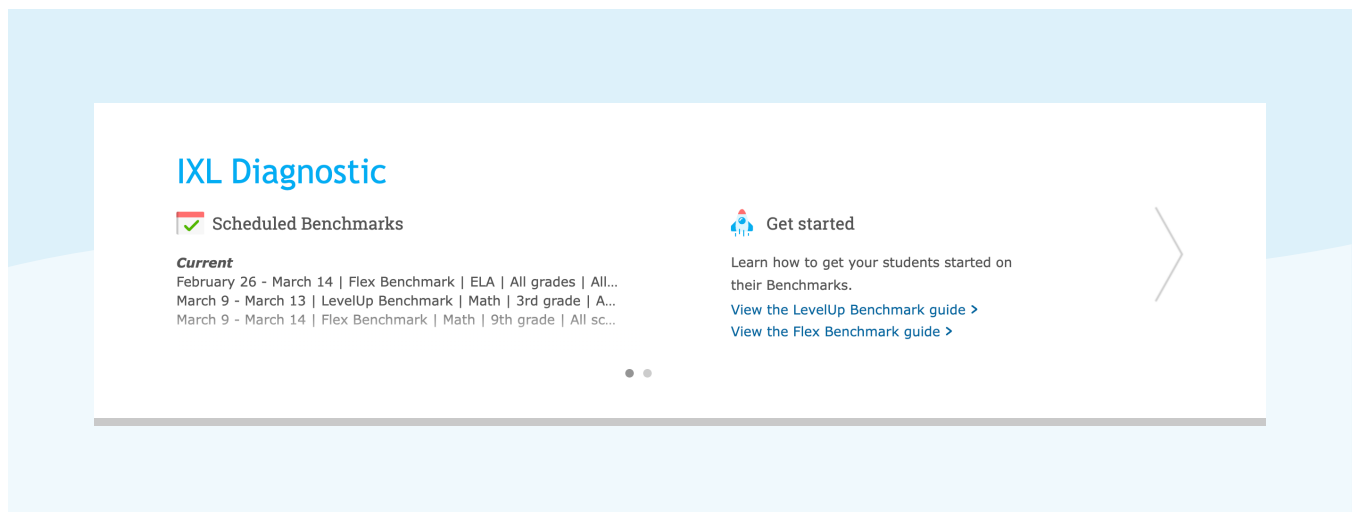
The Benchmark mode for the IXL Flex Diagnostic allows your school or district to get all the benefits of a benchmark assessment in a flexible, lightweight format.

## How it works

### 1 View your Benchmark window

Your school or district administrator will select one or more specific times during the year for students to complete their diagnostic in math and/or language arts.

You can view the current and any planned Benchmark window/s under the Assessment tab.



## 2 Get your students started

During a Benchmark window, students will see a notification when they sign in to IXL that directs them to complete their diagnostic by the specified date.

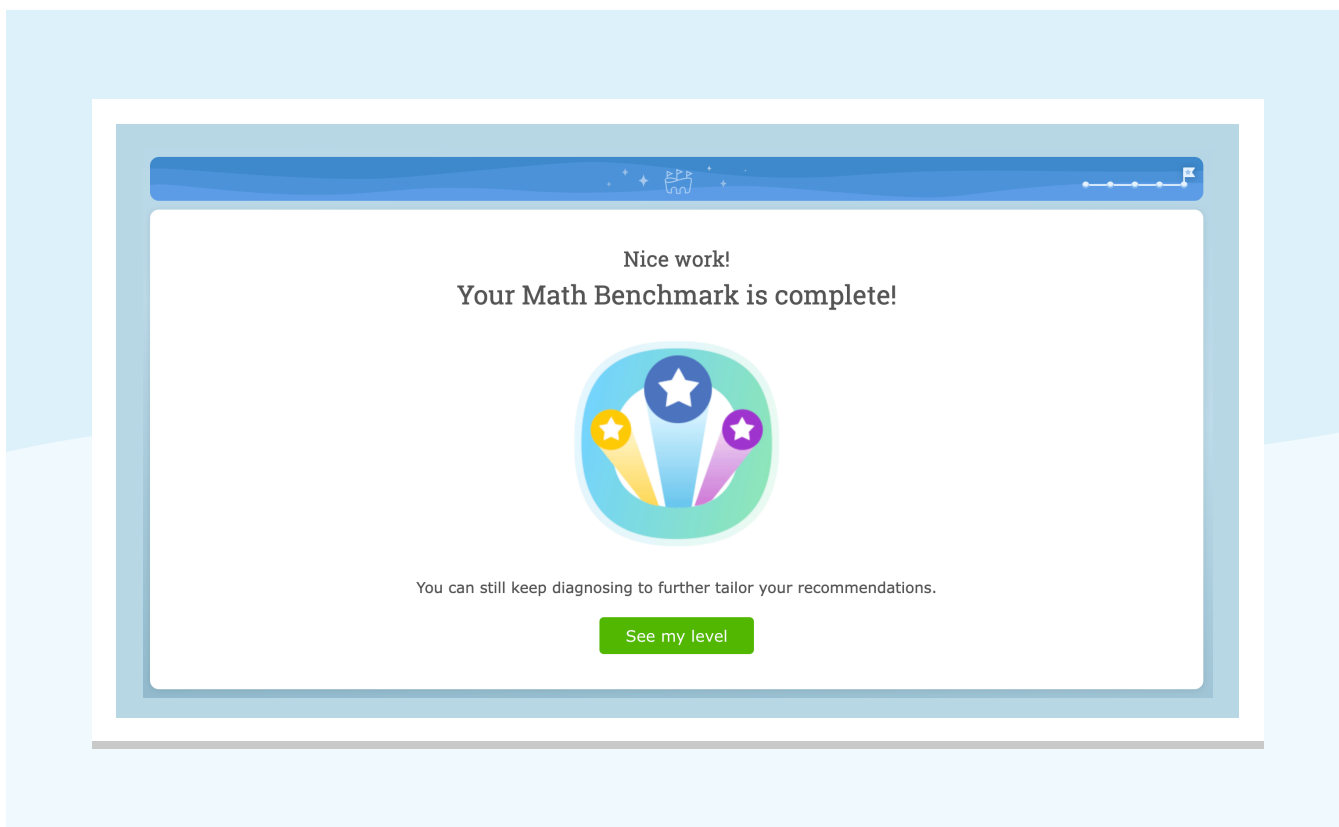
The screenshot shows the IXL dashboard for a student named Alex. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'My IXL', 'Learning', 'Assessment', and 'Analytics'. Below this is a 'Dashboard' section with a notification: 'You have a Benchmark to complete!' and a 'Start my Benchmark' button. The main content area is titled 'Hi Alex, Good afternoon!' and 'What should I work on?'. It features three tabs: 'From your teacher', 'Recent skills', and 'Recommendations'. The 'Recommendations' tab is active, showing several math problems with 'Try this' buttons. A large green box on the right says 'Complete your Benchmark! Due by March 21.' with a 'Start my Benchmark' button.

Instruct students to click on the button to enter the Diagnostic arena, where they will start answering questions. The diagnostic pinpoints students' knowledge levels in as little as 45 minutes per subject.\* Students can complete the diagnostic in one sitting, or over multiple sessions.

As they answer questions, a progress indicator will show them how close they are to finishing.



Students will see a notification when they have completed their diagnostic.



## Dual-subject Benchmark

*If students have been assigned a Benchmark in both math and ELA:*

- Entering the arena: Students will be able to choose which subject they want to diagnose first.

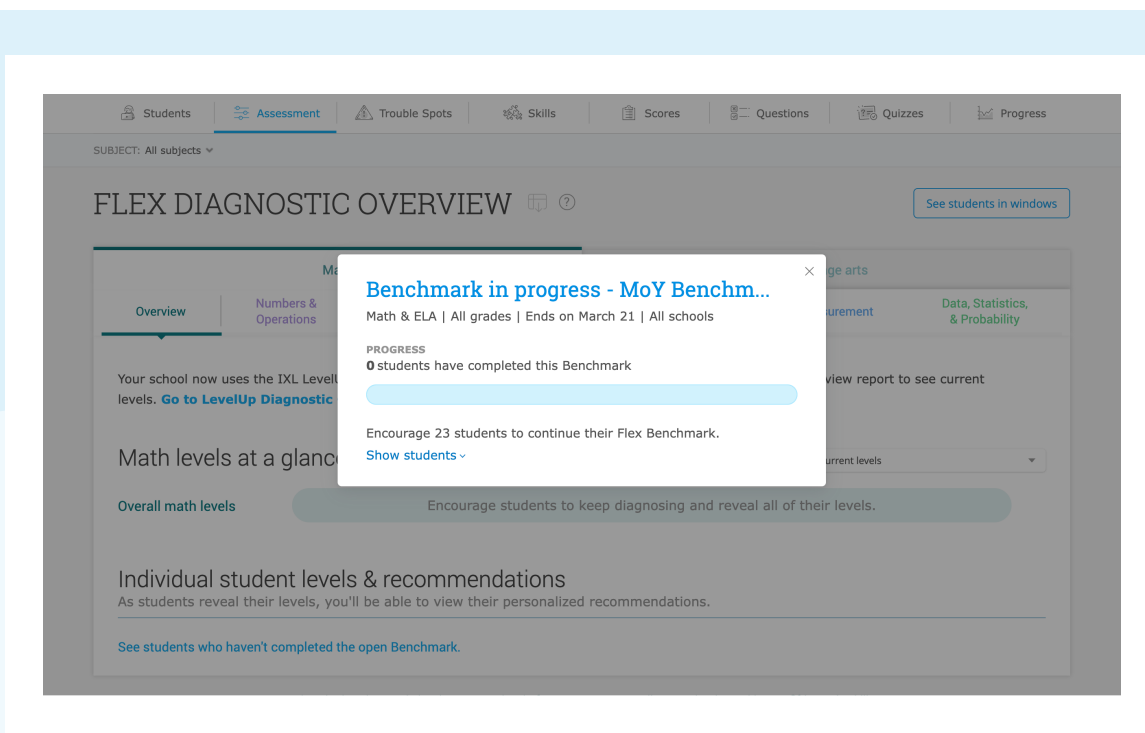
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- Completing the diagnostic: Students will see a notification when they have finished the first subject, and be prompted to start on the second subject.

### 3 Check for completion

To check if your students have completed their Benchmark, visit the Flex Diagnostic Overview report under the Analytics tab.

You will see a notification that shows you how many students have finished their diagnostic, and which students still need to do so.



The screenshot shows the IXL Flex Diagnostic Overview report. A notification overlay is displayed in the center, titled "Benchmark in progress - MoY Benchm...". The notification text reads: "Math & ELA | All grades | Ends on March 21 | All schools". Under the heading "PROGRESS", it states "0 students have completed this Benchmark" and includes a progress bar. Below the bar, it says "Encourage 23 students to continue their Flex Benchmark." and provides a link "Show students". The background report shows the "Overview" tab selected, with a "See students in windows" button in the top right. The main content area includes sections for "Math levels at a glance", "Overall math levels", and "Individual student levels & recommendations".

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- Click on the tab for each subject on the report to check for subject-specific completion.



## 4 View results and take action

IXL will generate an action plan for each student based on their performance in the Benchmark.

Visit the Assessment tab, and use the dropdown menu to select a student. Scroll down to the bottom of their report to view their action plan.

The screenshot displays the diagnostic report for student Shelby Brow. The report is divided into two main sections: Math and Language arts. Each section features a central radar chart showing overall levels and recommended skills for various sub-topics.

**Math Section:**

- Overall math level: 480
- Sub-topics and scores:
  - Fractions: 450 (4 recommended skills)
  - Algebra & Algebraic Thinking: 510 (1 recommended skill)
  - Numbers & Operations: 440 (7 recommended skills)
  - Geometry: 510 (1 recommended skill)
  - Measurement: 510 (2 recommended skills)
  - Data, Statistics, & Probability: 510 (1 recommended skill)
- Snapshot completed on August 11. See more.

**Language arts Section:**

- Overall language arts level: 470
- Overall reading level: 430
- Sub-topics and scores:
  - Vocabulary: 470 (4 recommended skills)
  - Reading Strategies: 420 (6 recommended skills)
  - Writing Strategies: 470 (5 recommended skills)
  - Grammar & Mechanics: 530 (2 recommended skills)
- Snapshot completed on August 11. See more.

At the bottom of the report, there is a button to **Print Diagnostic Action Plan** and a note: "Want a full report of your current levels and recommended skills?"

What do IXL Real-Time Diagnostic levels mean? A level of 500 represents readiness to begin working on fifth-grade level skills.

This action plan shows you their knowledge levels in each strand, and the specific skill suggestions that will help them make progress from where they are.

## IXL Flex Diagnostic Action Plan

Your most recent levels and recommendations as of October 23, 2025

**Student:** Ophelia Baker

The IXL Flex Diagnostic shows you what you know and what you're ready to learn next. Work on your personalized skill recommendations until you reach excellence (90+). Visit the Flex Diagnostic often to see how your stats change and to get new recommendations!

Have questions about the IXL Flex Diagnostic? Visit [www.ixl.com/flex-diagnostic-help](http://www.ixl.com/flex-diagnostic-help).

### Overall language arts level

0 100 200 300 400 **470** 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 1300

### Overall Reading level

0 100 200 300 400 **470** 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 1300

#### Language arts strand levels and recommendations

##### Reading Strategies

0 **470** 1300

▶ 3 recommended skills

- Use key details to determine the main idea (Level F) >> DMM
- Read about science and nature (Level F) >> RTC
- Read graphic organizers (Level F) >> DH7

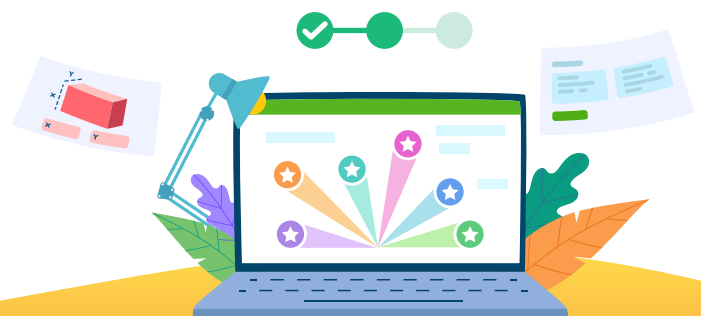
##### Vocabulary

0 **480** 1300

▶ 4 recommended skills

- Positive and negative connotation (Level E) >> NLB
- Determine the meanings of words with Greek and Latin roots (Level F) >> BJ9
- Select the members of a group (Level F) >> CTL
- Shades of meaning with pictures (Level F) >> TWK

We recommend having students reach a SmartScore of 80 or 90 in each of those skills to accelerate their growth.



## Recommended

## Use the IXL Diagnostic in Real-Time mode as an instructional tool

The IXL Diagnostic isn't just for benchmark assessments. It can also support your daily classroom instruction with immediate insight into your students' knowledge.

- Use the IXL Diagnostic in Real-Time mode in between benchmarks to get frequent data on what your students know.
- Set aside as little as 10 minutes a week to maintain students' levels and receive updated action plans.
- Leverage up-to-date insights that help you make better decisions when differentiating instruction, planning for small-group instruction, and helping students close knowledge gaps efficiently.

Check out this 3-step [implementation guide](#) or [video](#) to get the most out of your diagnostic data this year!

