

DCAS-Alt1 Released Task

Content Area: ELA	Grade Band: 6-8
Name of task: Task 1: Assateague Island	Number of Items in Task: 5
<p>Description of task: Student is read a passage from a poster about Assateague Island. The student is then asked to respond to a series of questions pertaining to the passage. Portions of the text will be reread to the student as needed. The student will use his/her mode of communication to select the answer from an array of options.</p>	
<p>Standards addressed in this task:</p> <p>Language (L)</p> <p>(8.4) Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on <i>grade 8 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. Essence: Word meaning E1: Identify the meanings of unfamiliar words using prefix, suffix or root word strategies. E2: Use context clues to determine the meanings of unknown words. E3: Identify the meanings of familiar words and apply them accurately.</p> <p>(8.5) Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. Essence: Word relationships E1: Explain the meanings of simple metaphors and similes. E2: Identify synonyms, antonyms, or homographs for words. E3: Identify real-life connections between words and their uses.</p>	
<p>Connections to academic instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context clues • Literacy skills • Making inferences based on text • Vocabulary words • Word meaning 	
<p>Real life application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailing • Creative writing • Complete forms for an application 	