



## managing e-assessment

simple...fast...accurate...informative

# Assessment Made Simple!

*Testwise* is Granada Learning's powerful electronic assessment tool designed to take the work out of administering, scoring and analysing tests. Offering access via the Internet to the most popular tests from **nferNelson**, *Testwise* enables teachers to schedule and deliver tests by computer. The marking of tests and detailed diagnostic pupil reports you would expect from a nferNelson assessment are completed instantly, allowing teachers to evaluate pupils' needs immediately – saving teachers time and identifying exactly what pupils do and do not know.

*Testwise* also offers a simple-to-use assessment creation tool, which enables teachers to develop tests suited to the exact needs of their class. Teachers can choose from an existing bank of 3000 curriculum-linked assessment questions (QCA Digital Test Bank) or can create their own, using the in-built authoring tool.

*Testwise* is compatible with a school's Management Information System, such as SIMS. net, so pupil names or class groups can be instantly uploaded to help with test administration. In addition, test results can be exported for record keeping or further analysis saving busy teachers and assessment coordinators time.

nferNelson tests available via *Testwise* are the most widely used in schools, including the *Cognitive Abilities Test* and the *Suffolk Reading Scale*. More details of digital assessments available through *Testwise* can be found on pages 5 - 7 of this brochure.



## Testwise is:

**Simple** – a familiar online browser format means pupils and teachers find it easy to use.

**Fast** – results are delivered instantly.

**Accurate** – mistakes in marking are a thing of the past.

**Informative** – analysis tools help inform teaching decisions.

**"I liked the fact that you could access the questions online from home, so that you could quickly and easily prepare tests for the next day's lesson from the comfort of your own front room."**

*Dawn Hooley, Assistant Headteacher  
Harmans Water Primary School*

# What Benefits Does Online Assessment Bring?

## For School Managers: Informs Teaching Decisions!

- Helps set realistic targets for both pupils and teachers.
- Instant reports highlight strengths and needs of individual pupils or class groups.
- Administration of the tests can be done by any designated teacher, saving time and resource.
- Results can be exported easily and quickly into a school's Management Information System, so a permanent record of scores is available to log pupil progress and inform report writing.
- Clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of interventions.

## For Pupils: Tests Are Fun!

- Pupils like taking online assessments. Tests are more colourful and feel fun and less formal.
- Access to test questions builds confidence and familiarity, making assessment less intimidating when paper-based tests are taken.
- Individual pupils can be properly supported once areas of weakness are identified.
- Some pupils prefer to work with computer-based tests, which they see as less intimidating than paper-based tests.
- Pupils with handwriting problems often blossom when asked to use computers.

## For Teachers: No More Marking!

- Tests are marked automatically saving valuable time and enabling teachers to concentrate on the information provided by the tests.
- Instant analysis of results allows teachers to produce reports quickly and make informed decisions on areas for improvement. No more waiting around for scores to be generated externally and returned by post.
- Access to the most popular assessments from the UK's most trusted assessment provider - nferNelson.
- Using the QCA Digital Test Bank teachers can tailor-make tests for a particular subject or topic from a bank of 3000 QCA past questions.
- Testwise can be accessed online from any location so teachers can administer tests from home and pupils can take tests wherever there is Internet access.

**"One of the most exciting developments we have noticed is that students actually enjoy doing assessments now. If an assignment is online, they do not see it as work or a test."**

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## Links to SIMS .net and other Management Information Systems

Testwise lets you add hundreds of pupils' details in a moment, using a simple file created by the school's management information system. Testwise can even give each user an individual password automatically, simplifying the set-up process.

# Online Delivery of Tests

*Testwise* delivers nferNelson tests to the school's network, or even a teacher's own home computer, very quickly and easily. There are no set up costs and no extra equipment required. Results are automatically saved in the pupil's name and can be analysed in various ways.

Schools can open an account and buy an annual licence for unlimited access, or pay for assessments individually.

Teachers are given a password and can manage their account and test administration simply and easily online.

## Learnwise Assessment System

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## LEA Hosted Service

*Testwise* brings a number of notable benefits to LEAs. One single installation can bring sophisticated online testing to a group of schools and enables the sharing of custom-made test resources.

The system allows detailed analysis of a school's performance, at a glance – much easier and less time consuming than paper-based methods. LEAs can either have *Testwise* installed locally, or Granada Learning can host it for them.

*Testwise* is also available to purchase as a stand-alone server. This option is recommended for schools who want the flexibility of creating many of their own online assessments from scratch. Contact Learnwise Customer Support for more details.



## TESTWISE IS BUILT ON OPEN STANDARDS

*Testwise* is built around open standards and has been designed to operate easily with existing school systems.

### IMS QTI

The essential building block of any *Testwise* assessment is IMS QTI (Question and Test Interoperability). QTI means that any assessment used on *Testwise* – either from nferNelson or those you may create yourself – can be used on other QTI supported testing programs.

### Flash and Shockwave

*Testwise* uses commonly-used browser plug-ins such as Flash and Shockwave that are available free of charge. In the majority of cases, a school's existing browser will require no additional configuration whatsoever to run *Testwise* tests.

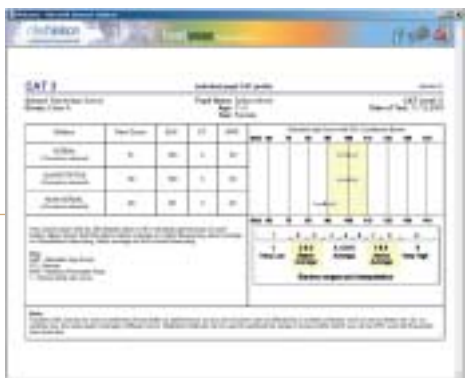
# Transfer Nelson Online Tests

## CAT3 Digital Cognitive Abilities Test: Third Edition

Ages: 7 years 6 months to 17+ years



CAT3 Digital is a computer-based version of the most widely used test of reasoning ability in the UK. CAT3 measures a pupil's ability by assessing the three principal areas of reasoning – verbal, non-verbal and numerical – as well as an element of spatial ability. No marking is required as this is all done online and the rapid analysis of results provides teachers with an understanding of individual and group learning abilities, helping them decide when additional support for pupils is needed. CAT3 Digital is suitable for primary and secondary pupils and provides indicators of results at Key Stages 2 and 3 and for GCSE and Scottish Standard Grades.



## Progress in Mathematics 4 – 14 Digital

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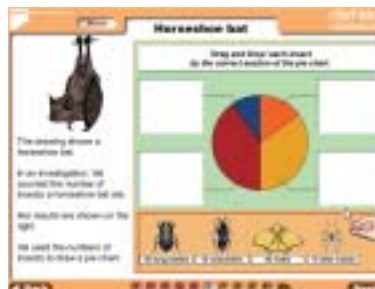
Ages: 4 years to 14 years

Progress in Mathematics 4 – 14 Digital is an online version of the new edition of this established standardised test series for five to 14 year olds, which assesses a pupil's attainment and understanding of maths. It can bring to light any specific areas of difficulty a child might be experiencing. Used each year it allows you to set targets and monitor progress at individual, class or school level.

The system provides a standard age score, a current National Curriculum level and indicative National Test levels for each pupil.

## QCA Digital Test Bank

Ages: 7 Years to 14 Years



The QCA Digital Test Bank is an online database of 3000 QCA statutory and optional national curriculum test questions covering, science, maths and English for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3.

Teachers can choose from existing tests or select questions on particular topics, giving the option to customise assessments in order to test knowledge of specific areas of the curriculum or an individual pupil's abilities.

With access to the QCA Digital Test Bank teachers can help children prepare for the national tests, and the instant marking and analysis of results means an accurate indication of likely performance at individual and group level is offered, highlighting areas where more work may be required. Teachers can use the whiteboard for classwork on past questions.

**"We had our best National Curriculum test results ever last year and I think the QCA Digital Test Bank helped us achieve that."**



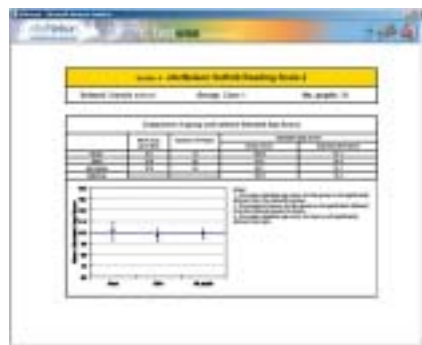
# nferNelson Online Tests

## ICT Self-Rating Scale

**Ages: 11 years to 14 years**

The *ICT Self-Rating Scale* is a questionnaire which identifies pupils who are not confident in using ICT, and who could experience problems reaching the required levels of achievement at Key Stage 3.

Available online or as a printable assessment, the simple system of 30 questions provides instant results and analysis, helping you to develop specific targets and learning plans for children who may be struggling with ICT.



## Suffolk Reading Scale 2 Digital

**Ages: 6 years to 14 years**

*Suffolk Reading Scale 2 Digital* is the digital version of this highly-regarded reading assessment for 6 to 14 year olds. Teachers have the opportunity to monitor the reading ability and progress of individuals or groups. Online assessment of reading is much more stimulating for children and they feel less intimidated when tested in this way.

*Suffolk Reading Scale 2 Digital* offers the same rigour and quality as the paper test but with the added benefit of instant results and analysis, greater flexibility in your testing schedule and a lighter workload.

## Myself as a Learner Scale (MALS) Digital

**Ages: 9 Years to 16 Years**



*MALS Digital* is the on-screen version of the original and highly popular MALS

assessment which provides a revealing measure of a child's perception of their ability and approaches to learning.

The digital version of this assessment gives instant results, showing teachers how to connect more effectively with each pupil. It also offers practical ways of improving any poor perceptions pupils might have of their capability. Teachers, using the online version, will be able to view results by individual, group or gender to help identify trends.

# Transfer Nelson Online Tests

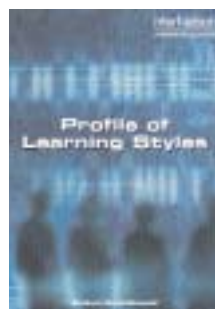


## World Class Arena Digital materials for gifted and talented students

**Ages: 9 years to 13 years**

*World Class Arena Digital* is a series of assessment materials to help teachers identify and challenge their most able pupils. Written for children in Key Stages 2 and 3, the focus of these tools is on mathematics and developing problem-solving skills.

The assessments stimulate investigation skills and challenge gifted and talented children, enabling teachers to assess performance that goes beyond standard measurement indicators. Ideas for developing thinking skills are also provided.



## Profile of Learning Styles

**Ages: 16+ years**



*The Profile of Learning Styles (POLS)* is a digital resource that helps individuals assess their most appropriate learning methods and guides tutors in the delivery of their teaching programmes.

The assessment measures 15 dimensions of learning styles and produces clear guidelines for student learning approaches and teaching strategies for tutors. *POLS* has been nationally standardised on a representative sample of FE and HE students.

## Or Why Not Create Your Own Tests?

Teachers can tailor tests to their own requirements with *Testwise* by using the bank of online questions available with the QCA Digital Test Bank module. Using this option, teachers can create tests – from a bank of ready-made 3000 questions – specific to their own requirements; selecting the subject of the test, the topic within the subject, the number and difficulty of questions and how they would like the analysis displayed.

Tests can be developed to review how much of a topic has been understood by a class or pupil to help identify areas of that need to be covered again in class.

Stand-alone installations also come with a simple authoring tool, which enables teachers to create their own tests on subjects not covered by the QCA banks.

**Coming soon -  
available  
Spring 2006**

## Progress in English 5 – 14 Digital

**Ages: 5 years to 14 years**

Progress in English 7 – 11 Digital is an updated computer-based version of part of the standardised English test series for 5 to 14 year olds that assesses reading and writing skills in a way that engages pupils.

Providing you with detailed information, it highlights strengths and weaknesses on an individual, class or school level which is helpful when setting targets.

Linked closely to the curriculum, the system provides a standard age score, a current National Curriculum level and indicative National Test levels for each pupil.

### **Training and Support**

*Testwise* is simple and intuitive to use. Setting up users and administering tests is a straightforward process that is clearly explained in the comprehensive online manual available on every screen.

To help teachers and schools get the most from *Testwise*, Granada Learning provides tailor-made professional training that goes beyond what button or option does what, and gets to the heart of what each school needs to manage and deliver the curriculum successfully.

### **It All Connects**

*Testwise* is also available within *Learnwise*, Granada Learning's computer-based learning environment. *Learnwise* enables schools to deliver a complete digital curriculum by bringing assessment, content and communication together online.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

As a minimum specification, schools need a broadband Internet connection and workstations with Internet access. Workstations require 256 MB RAM (although some tests will run on 128 MB).

**If you would like more information about Testwise, visit our website:**

**[www.testwise.net](http://www.testwise.net)**

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**to arrange an appointment with an nferNelson consultant.**

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