

PIRLS/prePIRLS 2011 Field Test Item Development

During the second National Research Coordinator (NRC) meeting, NRCs made final decisions about the passages to be retained for item writing, and wrote items for these texts as part of the PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 Item Writing Workshop. The meeting was held in November 2008 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The numbers of passages considered, participants, and field test items developed at the workshop are provided below.

PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 Item Development Summary

Number of Passages Considered for PIRLS	
Informational	70
Literary	95
Number of Passages Considered for prePIRLS	
Informational	35
Literary	34

PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 Item Writing Workshops to Develop Field Test Items

Attendees	
Number of Countries and Benchmarking Entities	45
Number of Country Representatives	69
Approximate Number of Field Items Written at Item Writing Workshops	
PIRLS	500 (for 6 passages)
prePIRLS	100 (for 6 passages)*

*Only prePIRLS participants wrote prePIRLS items.