# ALIRA Parent/Guardian Proctoring FAQs

1. **What is the ALIRA?**

   ALIRA stands for ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment®. It is a computer-adaptive test of a student's ability to read for comprehension a variety of Latin-language texts similar to those used in an instructional setting. One or two multiple-choice questions accompany each Latin text to test students' understanding of main ideas, supporting details, point-of-view, inferences, or text purpose. [Click here](#) to take a demo version of the test.

2. **What does it mean that the ALIRA is computer-adaptive?**

   Learners should understand that the test is adaptive in nature and that it will present them with a series of reading passages that will vary based on the reading ability that they demonstrate through their answers to the passages within the test. In other words, since the test is machine-scored, test-takers' correct and incorrect responses as they work through the test determine the sequence in which subsequent reading passages are presented to them by the system.

3. **Is it difficult to proctor the ALIRA at home?**

   No. It's very straight forward! Proctors should be a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult. Some of a proctor's responsibilities include:

   » creating a secure, quiet testing environment,

   » running a System Check on the computer and other equipment before testing and then actively monitoring the environment during the test,

   » ensuring that the test taker does not have access to papers, pens, pencils, notes, dictionaries, cell phones, cameras, or electronic devices while testing,

   » helping the test taker with any technical issues, by contacting the school for assistance. A more extensive proctoring checklist and a proctoring guide are provided further down in this document.

4. **Will the ALIRA test be different because it's being taken it at home?**
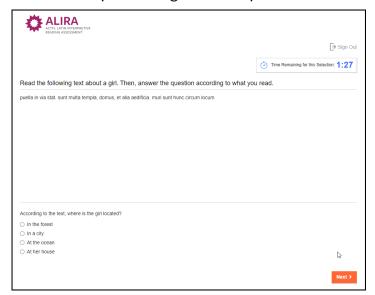
   No. There is no difference between the ALIRA test taken at a school and the one taken at home.

5. **How long does the ALIRA take?**

   The ALIRA must be completed within 50 minutes. There is a 50-minute countdown clock for the overall test, and there is a separate timer that appears for each reading passage to inform test-takers of how much time they have left to complete the questions associated with that text.

   - Additionally, test-takers should know that the amount of time allotted for them to read each text and respond to the corresponding multiple-choice question will vary. The maximum amount of time for any single reading text is five minutes, but many texts will be shorter. The screen will display a timer to show them the time remaining for each passage as they advance through the test.

- Test-takers can practice taking the ALIRA Demo to become familiar with the test and the timed reading texts. Below is a screenshot from the ALIRA Demo, which shows the timer for the sample reading text and question.



If a learner has a documented need making them eligible for a time extension, please contact the school for special accommodations at least 14 business days before your desired testing date.

## 6. Do I need any special equipment to take the ALIRA?

All you will need is a computer or tablet that meets the minimum specifications. Please review the Technical Requirements. If you need additional set-up guidance, please contact the school.

## 7. Are there security features for the ALIRA?

Yes. The ALIRA has several test-security features. Foremost is that they will be logged out of the test automatically if they navigate away from the test and open another program, browser window, or tab. Other features that are automatically disabled include:

- » the right-click feature of the mouse,
- » the browser back button,
- » the Copy, Paste, and Cut keyboard shortcuts (Ctrl + c, Ctrl + v, and Ctrl + x),
- » the Google Translate browser extension, if installed.

During the test, test-takers should not have access to any prohibited resources, including papers, pens, pencils, notes, dictionaries, cell phones, cameras, or other electronic devices.

## 8. Whom should I contact if I need help?

If you need technical assistance, please contact your school for advice and guidance. In order to comply with federal privacy regulations such as FERPA and COPPA, LTI is not able to communicate directly with students or parent/guardian proctors. Your student's school should be able to provide technical support if needed while testing.

# ALIRA Parent/Guardian Testing Guide

Thank you for proctoring the ALIRA at home. Please remember that testing proctors should be parents, guardians or other trusted adults who can be responsible for securing the test taking environment. This **Testing Guide** will help you to prepare for and administer the test successfully.

## Quick Links

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| **ALIRA SAMPLE TEST:** | https://www.languagetesting.com/pub/media/wysiwyg/ALIRA_Sample_Test.pdf |
| **ALIRA Demo:** | https://alirademo.actfltesting.org/ |
| **ALIRA SYSTEM CHECK:** | https://actfllrhtmldemo.actfltesting.org/systemcheck |
| **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:** | https://www.languagetesting.com/test-delivery-logistics#ALIRA |
| **TO TAKE THE TEST:** | https://actfllrhtml.actfltesting.org |

## Proctoring Checklist

- ❑ Review the Technical Requirements, configure the computer to be used for testing, and complete the System Check.
- ❑ Have the test-taker try out the ALIRA Demo.
- ❑ Plan the timing of the test. The test-taker will need an uninterrupted period of up to 50 minutes.
- ❑ Prepare the secure testing area and have the log-in credentials handy. Remember that test-takers must not have access to papers, pens, pencils, notes, dictionaries, cell phones, cameras, or other electronic devices while testing.
- ❑ Log the test-taker into the test using the log-in credentials provided by the school.
- ❑ Supervise the test-taker during testing. Don't help them answer any questions on the ALIRA.
- ❑ Destroy/Delete test-taker login information once testing is complete.