



Standardized Tests in 3rd grade (VERA 3) 2019

Information for parents

→ What are VERA 3 Tests?

VERA 3 tests are centralised tests carried out by all federal States in Germany. These tests are based on the educational standards for the 4th grade. By testing your child's skills in 3rd grade and comparing the results to the standards for 4th grade, teachers are given enough time to deduct and implement adequate measures based on the test results.

→ What are the benefits of the tests?

Standardized tests are designed to provide information to improve individual support for learners and enhance curriculum development.

→ What is tested?

In contrast to class tests, standardized tests do not assess mastery of particular curricular items which have just been taught. They evaluate skills which have been acquired over a longer period of time.

Therefore students do not receive a grade. The tests include tasks of various levels of difficulty – from easy to very difficult. **On average pupils solve about half of the tasks correctly.**

→ Can I prepare my child for VERA?

Yes, encourage your child to answer as many questions as possible. Tell your child that there will also be difficult problems and no-one expects all pupils to complete all tasks. Avoid putting pressure on your child as the tests are not an evaluation of performance. They discern those skills which have already been acquired and which should be developed further.

Prior to the tests your child will be prepared for the different types of tasks and the exam procedure by the teacher.

→ Do I find out how my child has done?

Yes, the Berlin-Brandenburg Institute for School Quality (ISQ) provides an individual report for each participant. Before summer break, once the evaluation has been completed, teachers hand out these reports to their pupils.

→ When will the tests 2019 take place?

07th May 2019 **Mathematics, 2x 30 min**

09th May 2019 **German – Reading, 40 min**

14th May 2019 **German – Listening, 40 min**

→ Would you like more information on VERA?

On our website we provide examples of VERA tasks and information on the following aspects: the data collected, the test design, the individual reports for the parents and the legal bases specific to the different federal states.

For further information please visit our website:

www.isq-bb.de/vera3

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