

# Support success in assessments

Discuss with students what support they need to demonstrate their understanding in tests and assessments.

Talk about:

- ✓ possible barriers created by the physical environment: unfamiliar layout of room, lighting, temperature
- ✓ possible barriers created by the design of materials: cluttered presentation, hard-to-read diagrams, unclear layout, hard-copies only
- ✓ ways to manage time allocations such as using visual timers
- ✓ negotiating breaks and extra time
- ✓ managing anxiety through mindfulness, positive self-talk, and identifying solutions to anticipated problems prior to the assessment
- ✓ using digital technologies such as text-to-speech and predictive text
- ✓ pre-teaching specific test skills, such as how to approach multiple choice questions.

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