FAQ - Tala Remote Testing

What is the purpose of the test?
The purpose of Tala is to provide a standards-based measure of Arabic reading and vocabulary proficiency.

Is there a time limit?
There is no time limit, and students can take as long as they need. The Vocabulary test generally takes 10-12 minutes and the Reading test takes 30-40 minutes.

What do you do if the program stops before a student has finished the test?
If the student sees "**Unknown Error**" on the screen and the program freezes, they can type **Escape** and **Backspace** to return to the test. Tala will remember where they left off.

When are the results available?
Tests are graded online and results are available to administrators immediately upon completion of the test. Depending on their role, administrators have access to class or student reports, while teachers have access to reporting data for their own students.

What scores are reported?
Separate score reports are calculated and reported for Acquisition of Vocabulary; Reading Informational, Technical and Persuasive Text; and Reading Literary Text.

What standards does the test use?
The test is aligned with the Arabic Language Standards written by Dr. Hanada Taha of Zayed University, used by more than 100 publishers of Arabic children's literature.

Where do I find the Group Code?
Group Codes can be found on your Setup Form. It may be helpful to post the Group Code to an online page for all the students to see.

Do students enter their name in English or Arabic?
Either language is acceptable.

For the Student ID field, can students use their actual student ID?
Yes. If Student ID numbers are too long for them to remember, you may assign each student a shorter unique ID number (at least 4 characters long), but if you choose to do this, it will be necessary to maintain your own records linking this ID number to the test taker's actual student ID number in your Student Information System. If your school does not have Student ID numbers, you can assign each student a unique number (at least 4 digits long).

Can students skip the video tutorial?
No - it is critical that the student understands how the test works.