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## Frequently Asked Question:

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## Answer:

IRT allowed us to weigh each item in the grade level for difficulty. The difficult items for Grade 1 are the easy items for Grade 2. IRT was a statistical method that allowed us to represent these differences and ensure that scores were not being underestimated for the lower functioning students.

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