

Meeting the needs of educators working with language learners in Grades K–8

CAL Early Language Assessments
SOPA • ELLOPA • COPE

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SOPA: Student Oral Proficiency Assessment

(for Grades 2-8)

ELLOPA: Early Language Listening and Oral Proficiency Assessment

(for Grades PreK-2)

COPE: CAL Oral Proficiency Exam

(for Grades 5-8)

The *SOPA* and *ELLOPA* interviews are innovative language proficiency assessment instruments designed to allow young students to demonstrate their highest level of performance in oral fluency, grammar, vocabulary, and listening comprehension.

These interactive listening and speaking assessments are designed for children who are learning a second language in a school setting. They include hands-on activities and are conducted entirely in the second language. Students are assessed in pairs by two trained test administrators and are encouraged to interact with each other as well as with the interviewers. The focus of the interview is to determine what the students can do with the language.



The *COPE* uses interview and role play techniques with two students at a time to measure the student's ability to understand, speak, and be understood by others in a second language.

The test measures cognitive-academic language skills as well as second language proficiency and is designed with immersion programs in mind.

SOPA: Available in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish.

ELLOPA: Available in Chinese, English, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, and Spanish.

COPE: Available in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish.

Professional Development and Program Evaluation Services

CAL offers professional development and program evaluation services for elementary, middle, and secondary school district or language programs that can be customized to meet your needs. CAL also continues to offer live trainer workshops for the *SOPA*, *ELLOPA*, and *COPE* and rating verification services.

Online Courses Available

CAL provides a variety of online courses designed to teach participants how to administer and rate the *SOPA* and *ELLOPA*.

SOPA
ONLINE TRAINING

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CAL offers online training courses designed to teach participants how to administer and rate the *Student Oral Proficiency Assessment (SOPA)* and the *Early Language Listening and Oral Proficiency Assessment (ELLOPA)*. *Introduction to SOPA* is a self-paced course that provides a basic orientation to the SOPA and introduces the SOPA rating scale. The *Moderated Introduction to SOPA* provides all the content of the self-paced introductory course plus includes interactive discussions, advice, and feedback by an experienced SOPA trainer. *Rating the SOPA* is a moderated course that provides teachers with language-specific rating practice. CAL can also work collaboratively with you to customize a course to best meet your needs or conduct a live trainer workshop at your location.

Introduction to SOPA

A basic, self-paced introduction to the SOPA

This self-paced online course provides an orientation to the SOPA, offering basic content based on CAL's live two-day workshops. The four-module course provides information about the purpose, background, and format of the SOPA; sample immersion and FLES SOPA tasks; tips for effective SOPA interviewing and rating; practice administering and rating the SOPA with a pair of students; and self-assessment tools. *Introduction to SOPA* provides a general introduction for teachers, teacher educators, and administrators interested in learning more about the SOPA or in evaluating it for use in the classroom.



Moderated Introduction to SOPA

Learn about the SOPA through interactive lessons led by an experienced SOPA trainer.

The *Moderated Introduction to SOPA* online course offers all the content available in the self-paced *Introduction to SOPA* course with additional moderated discussions and assignments led by an experienced SOPA trainer. The moderated introductory course also includes online discussions of key issues related to the SOPA, feedback on assignments and quizzes from an experienced SOPA trainer, and online access to the *CAL Oral Proficiency Assessment Administrator's Manual* and to model immersion

and FLES SOPA scripts and complete library of assessment tasks and templates. CAL recommends this course for teachers who would like direct guidance in preparing to administer the SOPA.

Rating the SOPA

Improve your SOPA rating skills using language-specific SOPA interviews at different proficiency levels.

This moderated online course provides teachers with language-specific practice and includes video clips of interviews in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish. *Rating the SOPA* is designed for teachers who have completed the *Moderated Introduction to SOPA* course or participated in CAL's live SOPA training workshops.

The *Moderated Introduction to SOPA* and *Rating the SOPA* courses now include materials to design your own ELLOPA.

Customized SOPA Courses

Contact CAL to learn more about customized courses that can be designed to meet your unique requirements.

An important note about rating

Rating accuracy is a critical component of any assessment. Contact CAL at ela@cal.org to learn more about CAL's rater verification services.

SOPA Online Training Courses now available

- Introduction to SOPA
- Moderated Introduction to SOPA
- Rating the SOPA

A process for SOPA Rater certification is in development. These courses are offered periodically—check our website for updates.

Visit www.cal.org/ela to learn about these courses and live training workshops.

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