

# PIRLS/prePIRLS 2011 Scoring Training Sessions

Each PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 constructed-response item has a unique scoring guide. In addition, for every constructed-response item, the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center prepared example and practice papers with scoring rationales illustrating the various scoring guide categories.

In preparation for the main data collection scoring training, some scoring guides were refined or clarified based on the results of the field test. This also included a thorough review of the scoring training materials to ensure that the student responses were still suitable for the updated scoring guides. In some cases, example and practice sets used in the field test were expanded to further illustrate particular aspects of a scoring guide, using student responses that were retained from the English-speaking students before the field test. For PIRLS 2011, the example and practice paper sets for constructed-response items carried forward from PIRLS 2006 (trend items) were combined with the sets for the PIRLS field test items selected for data collection, resulting in 61 example and practice paper sets. For prePIRLS 2011, there were 66 example and practice paper sets.

To provide training for all the countries participating in PIRLS/prePIRLS, the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center conducted two training sessions. First, consistent with the earlier assessment schedule for the Southern Hemisphere participants, the National Research Coordinators (NRCs) for Southern Hemisphere countries and their scoring supervisors received scoring training in November 2010 in Wellington, New Zealand. NRCs for Northern Hemisphere countries and their scoring supervisors received scoring training in February 2011 in Rome, Italy as part of the 6th PIRLS 2011 NRC Meeting.

## PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 Scoring Training Materials

Summary of Scoring Training Materials	PIRLS	prePIRLS
Number of Constructed-response Items	61	66
Number of Example Papers per Item	6–15	3–8
Number of Practice Papers per Item	6–11	3–8

## PIRLS and prePIRLS 2011 Scoring Training Participation

Participants	Southern Hemisphere		Northern Hemisphere	
	PIRLS	prePIRLS	PIRLS	prePIRLS
Number of Countries	6	1	44	3
Number of Benchmarking Entities	—	—	4	—
Number of Representatives	16	3	97	4