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PAT
PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

PAT interim mapping to progress descriptors

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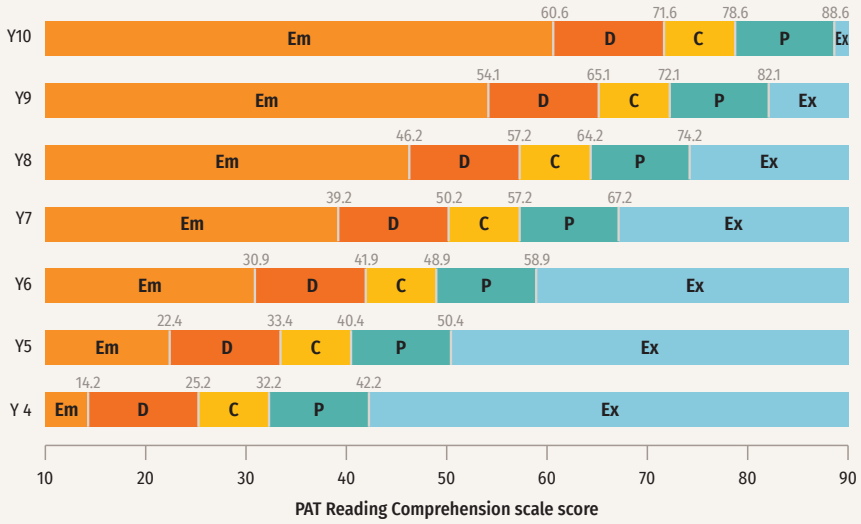
These mapping tables align scale scores on PAT Pānui and Pāngarau with an indicative best-fit progress descriptor for each year level. In doing so, they help teachers interpret what a result on these PAT tests indicates in relation to achievement against the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum, as one source of evidence among others.

These tables are intended as an interim resource to support schools as they transition to using progress descriptors for reporting. NZCER has used the interim mapping tables provided for e-asTTle by the Ministry of Education to determine alignment. The PAT tables will be updated - along with the introduction of PAT Tuhituhi mapping - when similar work is completed for the SMART Tool. This will ensure that schools have consistent information, no matter what assessment tool they use.

Progress descriptors are now available in List Reports for PAT Pāngarau and PAT Pānui in NZCER Assist.

PAT Pānui | Reading Comprehension Progress Descriptor ranges

Please note: progress descriptors describe end of year expectations



PAT Pāngarau | Mathematics Progress Descriptor ranges

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