



THE FIRST ONLINE OSSLT Preparation Resource!



Get Skilled is a new web-based resource that prepares students of all learning levels for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Developed by English teachers and tested and piloted in Ontario schools, *Get Skilled* uses the most popular features of the web—student avatars, online journals and forums, word of the day, and an online student dictionary—to engage students in a new way and prepare them for the test.

Get Skilled guides students through a set of reading and writing lessons that target the skills they need to pass the OSSLT test. Students work their way through all the components of the test, including information paragraphs, supported opinion writing, news articles, the writing of news stories, comprehensive skills, multiple choice questions, graphic text, vocabulary building, and defining words in context. Teachers can monitor students' progress through the online "teacher desk" by viewing complete class work or individual student work.



Schools piloting *Get Skilled* have had outstanding results. St. Stephen's Secondary School in Bowmanville, Ontario saw its success rate rise 8% (to 87%), giving it one of the highest OSSLT pass rates in its school board.

Here's what people are saying about *Get Skilled*:

Teachers and Parents

-  "I like how the tool is set up. It keeps students interested in the material by using devices like an avatar and decorating a locker, while remaining educational at the same time."
-  "It's a great way to keep my daughter engaged in learning by using a medium that she enjoys, like the Internet. She can also use it on her own time."

Students

-  "I like *Get Skilled* because I can practise for the test anytime I want. I also like that you can work on activities that you don't get to do in school."
-  "*Get Skilled* helps me get ready for high school. It's a good way to keep students in school."

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