



Switched-On Online Prescriptive Credit Recovery (CRx)

Prescriptive Credit Recovery (**CRx**) is a feature in Switched-On Online that provides a unit pretest for Switched-On Online courses. The feature allows students to “test out” of certain units. If you have a student you believe already knows part of the material covered in a course, yet has gaps in their learning, **CRx** may provide just the tool you need.

How CRx Works

CRx allows you to assign the student a pretest at the beginning of each unit in the course. If the student achieves a score at or above the predetermined **CRx Pass Threshold**, the program automatically skips the rest of the unit and the student is allowed to take the pretest for the next unit. They continue in this manner until either successfully completing the pretest for every unit in the course, or fail to achieve a passing score. If this happens the program requires the student to complete the unit assignments, before attempting the pretest for the next unit.

For Example:

The school administrator sets the **CRx Pass Threshold** (on the **School Setup** page) to 95%.

The screenshot displays the 'School Setup' page in the Switched-On Online interface. The page has a blue header with the 'SwitchedOn ONLINE' logo and a 'Support' link. A left sidebar contains navigation buttons for HOME, SETUP, CALENDAR, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, MESSAGES, FEEDBACK, and LOGOUT. The main content area is titled 'School Setup' and features a large circular icon of a person. Below the icon, there are several input fields for weights: Lesson Weight (20), Project Weight (20), Quiz Weight (25), and Test Weight (35). The 'C Rx Pass Threshold' is set to 95, which is highlighted with a red box. Below this field, a note reads: 'Percentage required to pass the pretest for a unit when in credit recovery (CRx) mode.' At the bottom of the form, there are three checked checkboxes: 'Student Answer Key' (Allow students to see the answer key for completed assignments), 'Student Passwords' (Allow students to change their own passwords), and 'Teacher Passwords' (Allow teachers to change their own passwords). A 'Submit Changes' button is located at the bottom left of the form area.

As the teacher (or administrator), I assign Language Arts 900 to Tracy, selecting the **CRx Mode** option on the **Assign Courses** page.



After I click **Add Course**, Language Arts 900 (2008) with the **CRx** box selected appears.

Tracy logs in and selects Language Arts from her **HOME** page.

Title	Course	First Worked	Last Worked
No active projects			

Weekly Schedule				
bib0800_2008	lan0900_2008	ve_2008	hmec_2008	
This week in Language Arts 900 (2008)				
Monday 2008-09-08	Tuesday 2008-09-09	Wednesday 2008-09-10	Thursday 2008-09-11	Friday 2008-09-12
Documentation	Parts of Speech and Noun Types	Plural Nouns (1)	Plural Nouns (2)	Plural Nouns (3)



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When she clicks **Language Arts 900 (2008)**, (as highlighted in the red box on the previous page) the unit one pretest appears.

Even though the **Week in Language Arts** on the **Home** page shows other assignments, the pretest is what is assigned and displayed.

The screenshot shows the Switched-On Online interface. At the top, the student information is: Student: Hill, Tracy - Course: lan0900_2008 - Unit: 1 - Assignment: Alltest. Below this, the page title is "Section 1". The main content area features a banner for "Language Arts" with a typewriter background. Below the banner, the text reads "LANGUAGE ARTS 901: THE STRUCTURE OF LANGUAGE" and "PRE-TEST: THE STRUCTURE OF LANGUAGE".

Question #1
TrueFalse

Nouns are naming words.

True
 False

Question #2
TrueFalse

All common nouns begin with a capital letter.

True
 False

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This course must be selected from the **Student Home** page. If Tracy attempts to open Language Arts 900 using the green **Courses** button on the left side of the screen, all assignments in the unit appear as "Skipped". Courses assigned with CRx can only be accessed from the **Student Home** page.



You Need to Know

- The school-wide (global) **CRx Pass Threshold** is set by the administrator on the **School Setup** page.
- The global **CRx Pass Threshold** can be overridden by the teacher for an individual student on the **Edit Student** page.
- The **CRx** feature can be activated for any course when it is assigned to a student.
- **CRx** can be selected or de-selected using the **Course Assignment** page anytime after a course has been assigned to a student.
- Unit pretests are generated using the alternate unit test. If no alternate test is available, **CRx** cannot be used for that course.
- The student is assigned the pretest for subsequent units regardless of the score on a previous unit pretest. (This feature is not a placement test.)
- If the student must complete the lessons in a unit, the lesson **Pass Threshold** remains in effect.
- Teachers may customize (skip/block/assign) individual assignments with a unit as necessary.
- Pretest scores become the unit grade if the **CRx Pass Threshold** is met or exceeded. The pretest score is not included as part of the unit grade if the **CRx Pass Threshold** is not achieved and the student works through the assignments in the unit.

NOTE: Block Tests may be used with **CRx**. If you choose both of these features when you assign a course, you must then go to the **Grading** page for this student's course. Change the *AltTest Status* from "Blocked" to "Skipped". The application then automatically assigns the skipped *Alttest* as the pretest. **CRx** does not function properly if you "assign" the *Alttest* to the student.

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Some Additional Information

If the **CRx Pass Threshold** is not met on a pretest, the application automatically sets the status of the pretest to “Skipped”, so you, as the teacher do not see the score on the **Grading** page.

You can see the score and review the pretest in either of two ways:

1. Click the **Student Progress** link on the **Teacher Home** page. You can see the score displayed. If you click the **Assignment** title link, the pretest opens for you to review.
2. Go to the student’s **Grading** page for this unit (**Grading > Student Name > Course Title > Unit Title**) and then:
 - Change the **Status** of the pretest (*Alttest*) to “Completed”. (You will then see the Student’s score display to the far right.)
 - Click the **Assignment Title**.
 - Change the **Status** of the *Alttest* back to “Skipped” when you are finished reviewing the pretest.

NOTE: If you don’t change the **Status** back to “Skipped”, the pretest score is factored into the overall grade for the unit.



If you **Reassign** the pretest (*Alttest*), all student work and grades are deleted. This data cannot be recovered. To prevent this, use “Skipped” not “Assigned”.