

TI-*nspire*™

Press-to-Test Guidebook

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Using Press-to-Test

The guidelines for many international, national and state assessments allow or require students to use TI-Nspire™ handhelds when taking an exam. Press-to-Test enables you to quickly prepare student handhelds for exams where use of applications, programmes and other files is restricted. When a handheld is in Press-to-Test mode. students cannot access pre-existing folders, documents and Scratchpad data, Students using the TI-Nspire™ CX-C handhelds cannot access the Chinese-English dictionary.

Press-to-Test temporarily disables documents and some features of handheld applications. After the exam, these documents and features can be easily restored for classroom use.

The Press-to-Test feature is available on the following TI-Nspire™ handhelds:

- TI-Nspire[™] and TI-Nspire[™] CAS handhelds with OS version 1.3 or higher.
- TI-Nspire[™] CX and TI-Nspire[™] CX CAS handhelds with OS version 3.0 or higher.
- TI-Nspire™ CX-C and TI-Nspire™ CX-C CAS handhelds with OS version 3.1 or higher.
- TI-Nspire™ CM-C and TI-Nspire™ CM-C CAS handhelds with OS version 3.1 or higher.

Press-to-Test is also available in TI-84 Plus Mode when using a TI-Nspire™ handheld that lets you switch between the TI-Nspire™ keypad and a TI-84 Plus keypad. For details, see Press-to-Test for TI-84 Plus Mode.

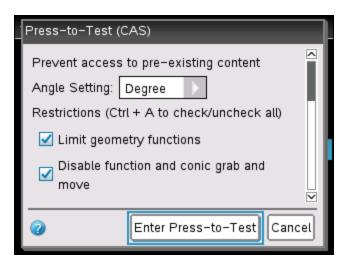
Note: Some states only permit the use of the TI-Nspire™ in TI-84 mode. To find out if your state allows TI-Nspire™ technology, see the State/Province Information website at: education.ti.com/go/testprep

Entering Press-to-Test Mode

- Ensure that the handheld is turned off.
- 2. On a Touchpad, press and **hold** down the [esc] 侃on keys.

On a Clickpad: Press and **hold** down the (esc) (4) (off) keys.

Do not release the keys until the Press-to-Test screen is displayed.



Select an Angle Setting

- 1. Press tab as necessary to highlight the Angle Setting menu.
- Press ► to display the list of angle units. Available units are: degree, radian and gradian.
- Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight the angle unit you wish to use, and then press enter to select it.

Select or Clear Restrictions

By default, all restrictions are selected. You can set each restriction individually, or you can quickly select or clear all restrictions by pressing [etr] [A].

- Selecting a restriction disables or limits specific features during the Press-to-Test session.
- Clearing a restriction allows its associated features to be used during the session.

Note: For a detailed list of restrictions, refer to <u>Understanding Press-to-Test</u>
Restrictions

- Press tab or press ▼ to move through the list of restrictions. To quickly access the last item in the list, press ▲. Continue to press ▲ to move up through the list of restrictions.
- 2. When a restriction is highlighted, press 📳 to clear or select it.

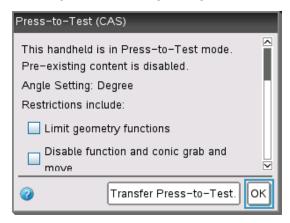
Enter Press-to-Test Mode

Note: You cannot change the restrictions after entering Press-to-Test mode. You must exit Press-to-Test and then enter it with new settings. To cancel now without entering Press-to-Test mode, press [esc], or press [tab] to select **Cancel**, and then press [enter].

1. To proceed and enter Press-To-Test using the current settings, press [tab] to select **Enter Press-to-Test,** and then press enter.

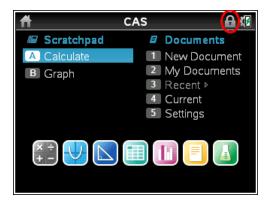
The handheld saves the settings and then restarts. When the restart has completed, the following dialogue box is displayed to confirm the handheld is in Press-to-Test mode.

Note: Your handheld display may be different, depending on whether you modified the settings. You cannot change settings after the handheld restarts.



2. Press or enter to select OK.

The Home screen opens. A Lock icon in the title bar indicates the handheld is in Press-to-Test mode.



- Pre-existing Scratchpad data is temporarily deleted.
- Pre-existing documents and folders within the My Documents folder are temporarily deleted.

Note: Pre-existing documents, folders, and Scratchpad data will be restored when you exit Press-to-Test mode.

- A "Press-to-Test" folder is created within the My Documents folder.
- If CAS functionality is enabled on the handheld, the "CAS" identifier is displayed on the Home screen.
- The Chinese-English dictionary, if installed, is temporarily disabled on TI-Nspire™ CX-C handhelds.

Accessing Press-to-Test Help

- ▶ Use one of the following methods to get help for using Press-to-Test:
 - From the Press-to-Test window, click the Help button ② located in the lower left corner.
 - From an open document on a Touchpad: Press docv, and then select Press-to-Test > Help.
 - From an open document on a Clickpad: Press (如 何の), and then select Press-to-Test > Help.

The Help window opens.



Clearing Data in Press-to-Test Mode

You can clear documents, Scratchpad data, and libraries added in a Press-to-Test session without exiting Press-to-Test mode. Clearing data does not change the Press-to-Test restrictions, so you can use this method to start a new test that requires the same restrictions.

Note: To change restrictions, you must <u>exit Press-to-Test</u> and then <u>enter Press-to-Test</u> mode with new settings.

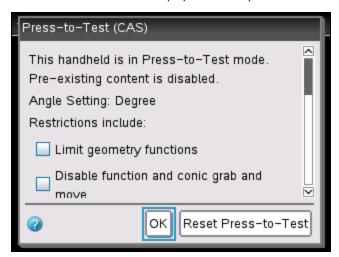
To clear Press-to-Test data without changing restrictions:

Ensure the handheld is turned off.

2. On a Touchpad, turn on the handheld by pressing and holding down the esc Gi on kevs.

On a Clickpad: Press and **hold** down the (esc) (4) (off) keys.

The Press-to-Test window is displayed with an option to Reset.



- Select Reset Press-to-Test to clear the data.

Select **OK** to close the window without clearing the data.

Note for TI-Nspire™ handhelds with removable keypad: Clearing Press-to-Test data while using the TI-Nspire™ keypad does not affect data created with the TI-84 Plus keypad. Your TI-84 Plus data remains intact, although it is not accessible while the TI-Nspire™ keypad is in place.

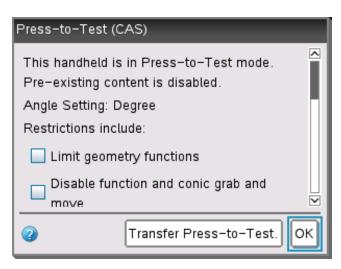
Reviewing Press-to-Test Mode Restrictions

You can review the Angle Setting and restrictions in effect on a handheld that is in Press-to-Test mode. You cannot change the restrictions while in the testing session. You must exit Press-to-Test mode and re-enter it with new restrictions.

To review the current restrictions:

1. Turn the handheld off, and then turn it back on.

A dialogue box opens, showing the selected Press-to-Test settings.



Press ▲ or ▼ to scroll through the restrictions.

Restrictions that are currently in effect are shown with a tick mark.

Operating the Handheld in Press-to-Test Mode

When a handheld is in Press-to-Test mode, the LED indicator on top of the handheld flashes (on the TI-Nspire CX and Touchpads). The LED lets you quickly see that the handheld is in Press-to-Test mode—even when the handheld is off.

- If the LED indicator flashes green-green, all restrictions are selected.
- If the LED indicator flashes yellow-yellow, one or more restrictions have been cleared.

Notes:

- Older TI-Nspire™ CAS handhelds do not have an LED indicator on the top of the handheld.
- The LED on the TI-Nspire™ CM-C handheld indicates battery status only. It does not flash when the handheld is in Press-to-Test mode.

System Settings

The system settings in effect prior to entering Press-to-Test mode are not passed to the Press-to-Test session. Instead, when you first enter Press-to-Test mode, the system settings are set to their defaults. You can change the settings while in Press-to-Test mode. When you exit Press-to-Test mode, system settings are restored to those in effect before you entered Press-to-Test.

Freeing Memory for Press-to-Test Mode

If your handheld has insufficient memory available to enter Press-to-Test mode, a message appears suggesting that you remove some documents.

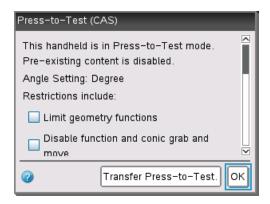
Your options include:

- Backing up documents to a computer or another handheld and then deleting them from your handheld. You can restore the documents after you exit Press-to-Test mode.
- Deleting unnecessary documents from your handheld.

For detailed instructions on freeing memory, refer to the "Memory and File Management" section of the Getting Started guide for your handheld.

Turning the Handheld Off and On in Press-to-Test Mode

If you turn the handheld off, or if it goes into Automatic Power Down™ (APD™) while in the Press-to-Test mode, it remains in testing mode when powered on again. A message reminds you that the handheld is in Press-to-Test mode, and the selected restrictions are shown.



Note: If a dialogue box is open when the handheld powers down while in Press-to-Test mode, that dialogue box is displayed when you turn the handheld on again.

Auto-Save

If the handheld restarts while in Press-to-Test mode, the handheld remains in testing mode and returns to the last active document.

Managing Battery Power

If using a TI-Nspire™ or TI-Nspire™ CAS handheld, you can remove and replace batteries while in Press-to-Test mode. If you change the batteries, the handheld remains in testing mode. When you turn it on again, the reminder dialogue box is displayed.

Before entering Press-to-Test mode or before beginning an exam, you should ensure the rechargeable battery is fully charged on any handheld that uses a rechargeable battery.

Working with Documents in Press-to-Test Mode

When the handheld is in Press-to-Test mode, all folders and documents present on the handheld before you entered Press-to-Test mode are disabled. While in Press-to-Test mode, you will only see the Press-to-Test folder listed in My Documents.

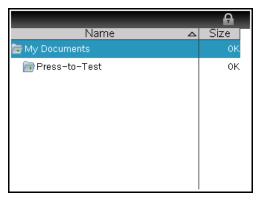
Teachers can send and collect documents when handhelds are in Press-to-Test mode. However, if you want to collect a document that students have created or edited while in Press-to-Test mode, you must collect the document before the students exit Press-to-Test mode.

Accessing the Press-to-Test Folder

1. Press **G** on to access the Home screen.

On a Clickpad: Press 🚮.

2. Select My Documents to open the file manager.



You can create, save, or delete folders and documents within the Press-to-Test folder.

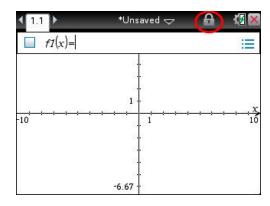
Creating a New Document

1. Press **命** to access the Home screen.

On a Clickpad: Press 🚯.

- 2. Select **New Document** or press ctrl **N** to open a new document.
- Use ▼ and ▲ to highlight the application you want to add to the page, and then
 press enter.

A lock icon in the title bar indicates that the handheld is in Press-to-Test mode.



Transferring Press-to-Test Restrictions

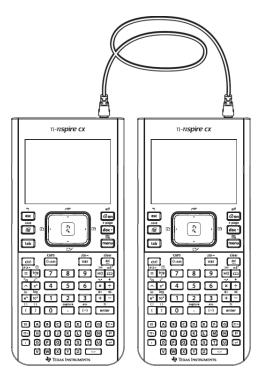
Use the Transfer Press-to-Test feature to quickly distribute a specific set of Press-to-Test restrictions to multiple student handhelds without requiring a computer.

Requirements

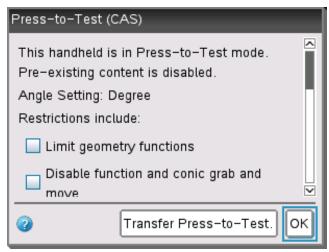
- If you send Press-to-Test settings to a handheld that is already in Press-to-Test mode, the restriction settings on the receiving handheld are overwritten and all data created during that Press-to-Test session is lost.
- The operating system version on the sending handheld must be equal to or higher than the OS on the receiving TI-Nspire™ handheld.
- The transfer will fail if the receiving handheld does not have enough memory.

Transferring the Settings

- 1. Enter Press-to-Test mode on the "sending" handheld. Be sure to select the specific set of restrictions required for the exam.
- 2. Connect the sending handheld to a "receiving" handheld using a mini-to-mini USB cable.



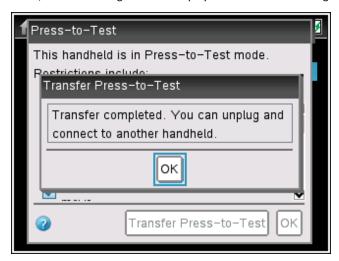
3. Make sure both handhelds are turned on and the Press-to-Test window is visible on the sending handheld. If necessary, turn the handheld off, and then turn it on again.



4. Select Transfer Press-to-Test.

The Press-to-Test Angle Setting and Restrictions are copied to the receiving handheld.

When the transfer is complete, the receiving handheld restarts in Press-to-Test mode, and the sending handheld displays a confirmation message.



Note: Both handhelds can now be used as sending handhelds.

5. Connect the next receiving handheld, and repeat from Step 3 until all handhelds are configured.

Exiting Press-to-Test Mode

When you exit Press-to-Test mode on a handheld:

- All documents created during the Press-to-Test session are deleted. If you re-enter Press-to-Test mode, the Press-to-Test folder is empty.
- All files and system settings are restored to what they were before you entered Press-to-Test mode.
- If a document was open before you entered Press-to-Test mode, that document is restored to the same view (My Documents, Page sorter or page view) as before. If the document contained unsaved changes, the changes remain unsaved.
- If no document was open, the handheld displays the My Documents folder.

Using Another Handheld to Exit Press-to-Test Mode

You can exit Press-to-Test mode on your handheld by connecting it to another handheld and using the Exit Press-To-Test menu command. The two handhelds can be mixed. For example, you can connect a TI-Nspire™ CX handheld to a TI-Nspire™ handheld or connect a TI-Nspire™ CAS handheld to a handheld that does not have CAS.

Important: If the other handheld is in Press-to-Test mode, it will also exit Press-to-Test.

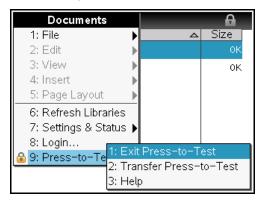
- 1. Connect your handheld to the other handheld using the unit-to-unit connection cable.
- 2. Make sure both handhelds are turned on.
- 3. On your handheld, press 🗥 on to display the Home screen.

On a Clickpad: Press (分).

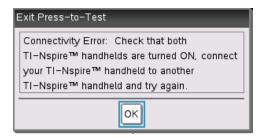
4. Select My Documents, and then press docv to display the Documents menu.

On a Clickpad: Select **My Docs**, and then press (cm) (G).

5. On the Documents menu, select Press-to-Test > Exit Press-To-Test. This menu item is enabled only in Press-to-Test mode.



- Your handheld exits Press-to-Test mode and restarts in normal mode. If the other handheld is in Press-to-Test mode, it also exits Press-to-Test mode and restarts.
- If the handheld is not connected properly, it displays the following message.



The handheld does not exit Press-to-Test mode until it restarts. If you disconnect the cable before the restart begins, the handheld remains in Pressto-Test mode.

Note: You can also exit Press-to-Test mode by successfully receiving an OS upgrade (from another handheld or through computer software). Receiving the same OS version will not cause the handheld to exit Press-to-Test.

Cancelling Press-To-Test on Multiple Handhelds

Teachers running TI-Nspire™ Navigator™ Teacher Software can cancel Press-to-Test mode remotely on multiple handhelds. The handhelds must be turned on and connected to the teacher's computer by one of these means:

- TI-Nspire[™] Docking Station or TI-Nspire[™] CX Docking Station
- TI-Nspire™ Navigator™ Cradle
- TI-Nspire™ CX Wireless Network Adapter
- A direct connection through a standard USB cable

Note: TI-Nspire™ CX Navigator™ Teacher Software v4.2 can cancel Press-to-Test mode on CX handhelds only. To cancel Press-to-Test on both CX and earlier handhelds, you must use TI-Nspire™ Navigator™ Teacher Software v3.9.

Cancelling by Using the Transfer Tool

1. Create an empty .tns file named "Exit Test Mode.tns" and save it in your default TI-Nspire™ folder.

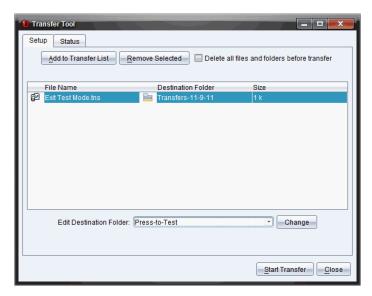
Note: The file name is case sensitive and must be named as described.

2. In the Content Workspace, select Tools > Transfer Tool.

The Transfer Tool opens.

- 3. Click Add to Transfer List.
- 4. Navigate to the folder where the "Exit Test Mode.tns" file is located, and select it to add it to the transfer list.
- 5. In the Transfer Tool, select the Exit Test Mode, the file.

The **Edit Destination Folder** field becomes active when you select the file name.



6. Type Press-to-Test in the Edit Destination Folder field, and click Change.

Note: You must type the folder name manually. You cannot select it by navigating to the handheld's Press-to-Test folder.

Click Start Transfer.

The "Exit Test Mode.tns" file is sent to the connected handhelds, and Press-to-Test is cancelled. The handhelds restart, and the operating system loads.

To cancel Press-to-Test mode on additional handhelds, disconnect the restarted handhelds and connect the other handhelds. The transfer process continues until you stop the transfer.

- 8. To stop the transfer, click **Stop Transfer**.
- 9. Click Close when all transfers are complete.

Cancelling by Using Send to Class

When a class is in session and students are logged in, you can cancel Press-to-Test by sending the "Exit Test Mode.tns" file to the class. Students not logged in will receive the file when they log in.

1. Create an empty .tns file named "Exit Test Mode.tns" and save it in your default TI-Nspire™ folder.

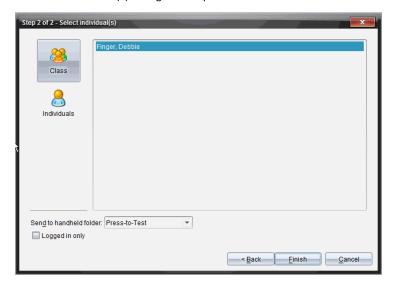
Note: The file name is case sensitive and must be named as described.

2. Click Tools > Send to Class.

The Select file(s) to send dialogue box opens.

- Ensure the Files tab is open.
- Navigate to the folder where the "Exit Test Mode.tns" file is located and select it.
- Click Next.

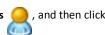
The Select individual(s) dialogue box opens.



Click Class 🚂 🙀 to send the file to the whole class. To send the file to only those

class members who are currently logged in, select the Logged in only tick box.

Note: To send the file to an individual student, click **Individuals**



- 7. Type Press-to-Test in the Send to handheld folder field.
- 8. Click Finish.

the student name.

For students who are logged in, the "Exit Test Mode.tns" file is sent, and the connected handhelds exit Press-to-Test mode. The handhelds restart and the operating system loads.

Understanding Press-to-Test Restrictions

By default, all restrictions are selected when you enter Press-to-Test mode and their associated features are disabled on the application menus.

- Selecting a restriction disables or limits its associated features during the Press-to-Test session.
- Clearing a restriction allows its associated features to be used during the session.

Restricting Geometry Functions

When you choose to limit geometry functions, all items on the **Measurement**, **Construction** and **Transformation** menus are disabled.

Restricting Graphs Functions

On the Graphs menu, the following items are disabled:

- Actions > Coordinates and Equations
- Geometry > Measurement, Construction and Transformation.

Disabling Function and Conic Grab and Move

- You cannot move any function or conic in Graphs, Geometry, or Scratchpad. For
 example, if you have graphed y=x³, you can select the function but you cannot
 move or manipulate it by dragging.
- You cannot access the attribute that toggles the displayed form of a conic equation between Standard and Expanded.
- Disabling function and conic grab and move does not apply to lines and functions in Data & Statistics.
- Disabling function grab and move does not restrict sliders in the Graphs and Geometry applications.
- You can still grab the coordinate plane and move it around.

Disabling Vector Functions

When vector functions are disabled, students cannot calculate the following functions:

- Unit vector [unitV(]
- Cross product [crossP(]
- Dot product [dotP(]
- Eigenvector [eigVc(]
- Eigenvalue [eigVI(]

Disabling the "isPrime" Function

The isPrime(function determines if a number is a prime number (a whole number greater than two that is evenly divisible only by itself and one). Disabling this function prevents students from selecting the isPrime(command in the Catalogue and from selecting Test > IsPrime in Maths Operators. If a student manually enters the isPrime(

function, submitting the expression results in an error message.

Disabling Differential Equation Functionality

The Differential Equation graph type is disabled in the Graphs and Geometry applications. Users cannot manually type and graph a differential equation.

Related maths functions rk23(, euler(, and deSolve(are also disabled.

Disabling Inequality Graphing

When inequality graphing is disabled, students cannot graph inequalities with <, >, \leq and \geq or grab and drag inequalities to a graph in the Graphs, Geometry and Scratchpad applications.

Disabling 3D Graphing

When this feature is disabled, students cannot use the 3D Graphing view.

Disabling Implicit Graphing, Conic Templates, Conic Analysis, and Geometric Conics

When these features are disabled, students cannot graph equations in terms of x = ay + c or ax + by = c. Conic templates are not available, and students cannot analyse conics or graph the geometric conic of an ellipse, parabola, hyperbola or conic by five points.

Disabling Trigonometric Functions

Disabling trigonometric functions prevents students from using the following functions in calculations and graphing.

csc	sec	cot
csc ⁻¹ , arccsc	sec ⁻¹ , arcsec	cot ⁻¹ , arccot
csch	sech	coth
csch ⁻¹ , arccsch	sech ⁻¹ , arcsech	coth ⁻¹ , arccoth

- Attempting to evaluate any of these functions results in an error message.
- Students cannot select the csc, sec, cot, csc-1, sec-1, and cot-1 functions by pressing go on the handheld.
- Students cannot select the disabled functions from the Catalog.

Disabling the log_hx Template

Students cannot use the $\log_b x$ (convert to logbase) and $\log(a, b)$ commands and templates, including $\log_b x$ templates.

- When a students presses [log] on the handheld, only calculations in log10 format are accepted.
- If a student manually enters log(a,b) or >logbase(into an expression, attempting to
 evaluate the expression results in an error message.
- Students are allowed to enter log(a), log(a,10) and log(a,10.).

Disabling Summation Functions and Templates

Students are prevented from using summation functions and templates. The ∑(and sumSeq(functions are disabled.

Disabling Polynomial Root Finder

The polyRoots(, cPolyRoots(, solve(, simult(, zeros(, and cZeros(functions are disabled. Attempting to evaluate any of these functions results in an error message.

Note: When the polynomial tools are disabled, students cannot use Find Roots of Polynomial, Real Roots of Polynomial or Complex Roots of Polynomial.

Disabling Simultaneous Equation Solver

The **linSolve(** and **simult(** functions are disabled in menus and in the Catalogue. Attempting to evaluate either of these functions results in an error message.

Disabled Chinese-English Dictionary

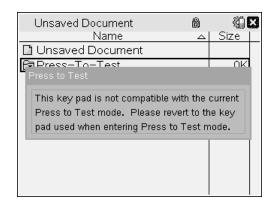
In Press-to-Test mode, the Chinese-English Dictionary is automatically disabled if installed on TI-Nspire™ CX-C handhelds. You cannot use the dictionary while in Press-to-Test mode.

Press-to-Test for TI-84 Plus Mode

The information in this section applies only to TI-Nspire™ handhelds that let you switch between the TI-Nspire™ keypad and a TI-84 Plus keypad. To use Press-to-Test in TI-84 Plus mode, the handheld must be started with the TI-84 Plus keypad in place.

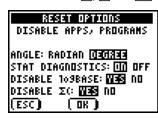
Note: Using Press-to-Test in TI-84 Plus mode does not affect documents created with the TI-Nspire™ keypad in place.

Be sure to exit Press-to-Test mode before attempting to switch to a different keypad. If you switch keypads while in Press-to-Test mode, the handheld displays the following message:



Enabling Press-to-Test Mode in TI-84 Plus Mode

- Turn the handheld off.
- 2. Press and hold , i and ON until the **Reset Options** screen opens.



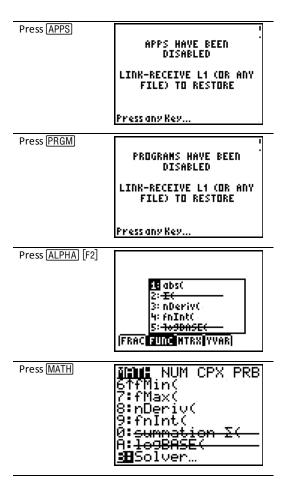
By default, the angle mode is set to DEGREE, Stat Diagnostics are ON, and the functions logBASE and summation (Σ) are disabled.

- 3. To change the default settings, move the cursor over the desired setting and press ENTER].
- 4. Press ZOOM (beneath OK on the screen) to select **OK**.

The options you selected are displayed on the Reset Complete screen.



- Press any key to continue.
- 6. To verify that Apps, Programmes and functions are disabled:



Other variables stored in RAM and in archived memory (including AppVars) are deleted.

Verifying that Functions are Disabled in TI-84 Plus Mode

When students try to access disabled functions, the following informational screens are displayed:

109BASEC HAS BEEN DISABLED

LINK-RECEIVE L1 (OR ANY FILE) TO RESTORE

Press any Key...

summation Σ(HAS BEEN DISABLED

LINK-RECEIVE L1 (OR ANY FILE) TO RESTORE

Press any Key...

Note: If a handheld is already in Press-to-Test mode, applications and programmes are disabled. If you try to enter Press-to-Test on a TI-Nspire™ handheld using the TI-84 keypad while already in Press-to-Test mode, the Reset Complete screen is displayed. Current settings are shown and RAM is reset. The handheld is ready to be used by another student in a clean testing state as needed.

RESET COMPLETE

DISABLE APPS, PROGRAMS

ANGLE: DEGREE

STAT DIAGNOSTICS: ON DISABLE 109BASE: YES

DISABLE IC YES RAM is RESET

Press any Key...

Exiting Press-to-Test Mode in TI-84 Plus Mode

When you re-enable TI-Nspire™ handhelds using the TI-84 keypad and TI-84 Plus handhelds. Apps and Programmes are restored.

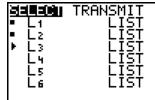
To restore a TI-Nspire[™] handheld in TI-84 Plus mode to full functionality:

- Link your handheld to another TI-Nspire™ handheld in TI-84 Plus mode or a TI-84 Plus handheld.
- Transfer any file to or from the handheld that is in testing mode.
- Alternatively, you can use TI Connect™ to download a file from your computer to vour handheld.

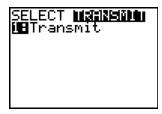
To transfer a file from another TI-84 Plus handheld:

- 1. On the receiving unit, press [2nd] [LINK] and then highlight **RECEIVE**. Do not press ENTER yet.
- 2. On the sending calculator, Press [2nd] [LINK].
- 3. Select a file to send by selecting a category, and then selecting a file to send.





4. Highlight **TRANSMIT** to send the file, but do not press ENTER yet.



- 5. Press ENTER on the receiving calculator.
- 6. Press ENTER on the transmitting calculator.

Note: You may need to rename or overwrite your variable for the file transfer to be successful.

Note: TI TestGuard™ App for the TI-83 Plus and TI-84 Plus is not designed to run and transfer testing set-ups when loaded on a TI-Nspire™ handheld in TI-84 mode, including the Re-Enable feature. Also, the blinking LEDs that indicate you are in Pressto-Test mode do not blink when in TI-84 mode.

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