

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 7

(Test items developed for skills measured in ACTAAP)

Skills

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| 1.0 Construct Meaning | 3.0 Grammar |
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| 1.2 Features of Text | 3.2 Parts of Speech |
| 1.3 Literary Elements | 3.3 Agreement |
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**ACTAAP PRACTICE TEST IN READING (ENGLISH) - GRADE 7
FORM A**

Read the following passage to answer questions 1 through 9.

SILA MARTINEZ

Sila Martinez, her mom, and the six remaining siblings had waited for a very long time to join her father and two brothers in the United States. The men had found employment in a sawmill, pooled their money, and bought two old cars. Now they had return to get Sila and the rest of the family. She was excited, but somewhat apprehensive, about the changes she would face in a foreign country.

After all, she was from a tiny village in Mexico. The women stayed home with the children and cooked while the men bought groceries and did all other business. Women and children were not accustomed to being in public except for church services on Sunday. Everyone walked or rode bicycles. No one was ever in a hurry. Siesta was an important part of the day.

There was some delay at the border, but finally Sila was embarking on her new adventure. A woman, very nice, who was bilingual, came to meet the rest of the family. She had befriended Jose, Juan, and their dad, Porfirio. What a relief! She couldn't understand the English language, so this was her first happy social experience.

The house her father was renting seemed like a mansion. Everything was much easier and more comfortable. Sila thought that the best things were the hot water, the telephone, and the glorious TV. It was beyond her wildest fantasies. Mrs. Goya, the lady who could speak Spanish, told Sila that she must go to school in order to learn to speak English. On the first night she had trouble going to sleep. What would happen at school? Would they laugh at her? Would she get lost in the building? How could she communicate?

1. Which statement is true?
 - A. No Hispanic women ever work outside the home.
 - B. One of the most difficult things for immigrants is learning a new language.
 - C. People who work at the border have no need to be bilingual.
 - D. All Hispanics are from Spain and Brazil.
2. What is the correct meaning of the word apprehensive in paragraph 1?
 - A. unafraid
 - B. showing appreciation
 - C. fearful
 - D. suitable
3. In paragraph 2, what is suggested by the word Siesta?
 - A. nap time
 - B. a feast
 - C. noon
 - D. breakfast
4. If lingual pertains to languages, what does bilingual mean in paragraph 3?
 - A. beside the tongue
 - B. under the tongue
 - C. speaking slang expressions
 - D. speaking two languages
5. What is inferred about Sila's father?
 - A. He is lonesome and moody.
 - B. He is energetic and works hard to meet his goals.
 - C. He prefers to stay permanently in Mexico.
 - D. He is a slow learner.