

**SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR**  
**PRACTICE TEST, READING, GRADE 4**  
(Test items developed for skills measured in FCAT)

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*Skills*

- 1.0 Vocabulary
    - 1.1 Meaning of Words
  - 2.0 Comprehension
    - 2.1 Main Idea/Supporting Details/  
Chronological Order
    - 2.2 Author's Purpose
    - 2.3 Comparison/Contrast
    - 2.4 Using Reference Materials
    - 2.5 Understands Development of Plot  
and Conflict Resolution
    - 2.6 Similarities and Differences Among  
Characters/Settings/Events
    - 2.7 Cause and Effect
    - 2.8 Fact/Opinion
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## FCAT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 4

1. In the first paragraph, there is a description of the farm. What does the word *barren* mean?

Two years ago, the Lafdrill Settlement had been *barren* prairie land, but now that the government had offered the land to farmers, the area was busy with farm work.

- A. empty  
B. correct  
C. covered with trees  
D. snowy
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2. This story is mainly about

- A. a very special little girl named Anna  
B. making pies for Mrs. Parrack  
C. a very special surprise that Anna gave her family  
D. farming on the Lafdrill settlement
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3. What caused the poor crops that year?

- A. There had been flooding that summer.  
B. There had only been one rain that spring.  
C. Locusts had eaten everything.  
D. Anna's father planted too late.
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4. Which of these is an opinion from this story?

- A. Anna's mom and dad had planted crops on the farmland that had been given to them.  
B. Anna's mom thought that Anna was growing up.  
C. Anna was a very smart and generous person.  
D. Mrs. Parrack was nice enough to invite Anna and her family to dinner.
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5. What did Anna do to help her family have a better Christmas?

- A. She complained when her mom told her that they couldn't buy her any gifts.  
B. She refused to help around the house.  
C. She went to look for a job to earn some money to help with Christmas.  
D. She got mad at her dad and said that he didn't work hard enough.