

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR*  
**PRACTICE TEST, READING, GRADE 10**  
(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 Compare/Contrast
    - 2.2 Main Idea/Supporting Details/  
Chronological Order
    - 2.3 Author's Purpose/Point of View
    - 2.4 Locates/Evaluates Written Information
    - 2.5 Accuracy/Reliability of Information
    - 2.6 Draw Conclusions
    - 2.7 Cause and Effect
    - 2.8 Analyzes Plot/Setting/Major Events,  
Problems/Conflicts/Resolutions
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## FCAT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 10

...decided to give you this. I would be proud if you would play my trumpet in the Davis Hepcats Band. You gave a great audition."

Kenn fingered his grandfather's silver trumpet. It was polished to a gleaming shine. His grandfather had taken good care of it, and it would last just as long for Kenn if he was careful. "Thank you," he said. "I hope one day I can play it as well as you did."

1. What does the word "audition" mean as it is used in this story?
  - A. to listen for special sounds on an auditory mechanism
  - B. trial performance to appraise an entertainer's merits
  - C. power to influence a decision
  - D. response of an individual about the environment

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2. What was the author's purpose for writing this story?
  - A. to entertain
  - B. to influence
  - C. to enlighten
  - D. to persuade

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3. Why did Kenn get up early to practice every morning as well as practicing after school each evening?
  - A. because he was trying to learn to play a difficult song for the school band
  - B. because his parents insisted that he practice
  - C. because he had hopes of being accepted into the Davis Hepcats Jazz Band
  - D. because he wanted to impress his friends

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4. From the events that occurred in this story, the reader can tell that
  - A. Kenn's family was very supportive
  - B. Kenn was looking for an easy life
  - C. Kenn's mother was not interested in his dreams
  - D. Kenn's father was very angry when his trumpet was lost

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