

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 2**

*(Test items developed for skills measured in GA03)*

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 Sentence Construction and Revision  | 4.0 Language Usage  |
| 1.1 Types of Sentences                  | 4.1 Parts of Speech   |
| 1.2 Parts of a Sentence                 | 4.2 Standard Conventions                                    |
| 1.3 Problematic Sentences               | 5.0 Spelling  |
| 1.4 Appropriate Descriptive Word Choice | 5.1 Omissions   |
| 1.5 Combining Simple Sentences          | 5.2 Substitutions   |
| 2.0 Paragraph Content and Organization  | 5.3 Reversals   |
| 2.1 Parts of a Paragraph                | 5.4 Unnecessary Additions                                   |
| 2.2 Paragraph Organization              | 6.0 Research Process  |
| 3.0 Grammar and Mechanics               | 6.1 Identifying and Using the Steps in the Research Process |
| 3.1 Capitalization                      | 6.2 Identifying, Collecting, and Using Source Materials     |
| 3.2 Punctuation                         |   |

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Number of questions: 50

Number of pages: TE= 7; SE= 11

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TEACHER DIRECTIONS - FORM A

Teacher says: Now we will take a language test. This test will consist of multiple choice questions. There are two samples to show you how to mark your answer.

Teacher says: I will read each question. Think about what it is asking. Then select the best answer. Mark your answer by filling in the circle next to it. Try to answer every question. If you do not know an answer to a question, leave it blank. You will have time to go back and answer it when we are done. Stay on the page we are on until I tell you to turn the page.

Teacher says: Go to page 1. Sample Questions. There are two sample questions below. These will let you see what type of questions are in the test and how to mark your answer.

Now I will read each sample question, and then you are to choose the best answer. Fill in the circle on your test.

Look at Sample 1. Which word in this sentence is a verb?  
*Our teacher reads to us every day.* Fill in the circle next to your answer.

*Wait while students answer the question.*

Teacher says: For Sample 1 you should have filled in the circle beside B. The word "reads" is a verb.

Go to Sample 2. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

*Wait while students answer the question.*

Teacher says: For Sample 2, the correct answer is B. Watch out! That sentence has the correct punctuation. Any questions?

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Teacher says: Go to page 2. Section 1. This part of the test has 18 questions on it. I will read each question and then you are to choose the best answer. Fill in the circle beside the answer you choose.

1. Which word needs to be capitalized in the sentence below? *My sister and i went to the park.*

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STUDENT EDITION - FORM A

Section 1

This part of the test has 18 questions on it. I will read each question, and then you are to choose the best answer. Fill in the circle beside the answer you choose.

1. Which word needs to be capitalized in the sentence below?

My sister and i went to the park.

- (A) sister
- (B) i
- (C) park

2. Which sentence would be the BEST sentence to put at the beginning of this paragraph?

Two of them were yellow striped, and the rest were black.

- (A) The cat had seven kittens.
- (B) Some of them were gray.
- (C) Some of them were black and white.

3. Mike was reading in his social studies book. He came to a word he didn't know. Where would he look to find out what that word means?

- (A) the table of contents
- (B) a magazine
- (C) the glossary

4. What is the BEST way to combine these two sentences?

My sister got a toy.  
My brother got a toy.

- (A) My sister got a toy, and my brother got a toy.
- (B) My sister and brother got a toy.
- (C) My brother got a toy and my sister.

5. Which word completes the sentence below?

Mike worked for his dad. \_\_\_\_ helped plant trees.

- (A) We
- (B) He
- (C) It

6. Which sentence has two subjects?

- (A) The boys ran the race.
- (B) The mice ate the cheese.
- (C) Mary and Diane are sisters.

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