

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING/ENGLISH, GRADE 4

(Test items developed for skills measured in LA03)

Skills

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| 1.0 Using Context Clues | 4.0 Locate, Select, and Synthesize Information |
| 1.1 Word Meaning | 4.1 Using Organizational Features of Text and Other Media |
| 1.2 Identify Story Elements | 4.2 Locating Information Sources |
| 1.3 Written/Visual Text | 4.3 Locating/Gathering/Selecting Information |
| 1.4 Real Life Connections | 4.4 Listing Sources |
| 2.0 Analyze Written Text | 4.5 Interpreting Charts/Graphs, Tables/Schedules, Diagrams/Maps |
| 2.1 Recognize Experience/Traditions of Diverse Groups | |
| 2.2 Recognize Forms of Literature | |
| 2.3 Identify Differences in Forms of Literature | |
| 3.0 Reading Comprehension | 5.0 Proofreading |
| 3.1 Perceive Relationships/Recognize Outcome | 5.1 Use of Punctuation |
| 3.2 Problem Solving | 5.2 Structure and Usage |
| 3.3 Author's Point of View | 5.3 Parts of Speech |
| 3.4 Fact/Opinion, Skimming, Cause/Effect, etc. | 5.4 Spelling |

Number of questions: 43

Number of pages: 20

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LA03 PRACTICE TEST IN READING/ENGLISH - GRADE 4
FORM A

In this part of the test, you will read four passages. You will then use these four passages to answer some questions about each one. Be sure to mark the answers on your answer sheet.

Read this passage about Maria and the Carnival. You will use it to answer questions 1 through 8.

THE CARNIVAL



Maria peered at the calendar to see what day the carnival would begin. There were only two more weeks left. Carnival was her favorite event of the year besides her birthday. For almost two weeks her town became a city of excitement. *Everyone celebrated Cinco de Mayo. It was a special celebration.* There were daily parades with street bands and people dressed in many types of costumes. Maria could hardly wait.

The next day Maria went to the store with her mom and grandmother. She saw a poster advertising a children's costume contest. The grand prize was a brand new bicycle. "Oh, wow," thought Maria, "I'd really like to have a brand new bike." The poster also told how the costumes would be judged. The criteria included originality, creativity, and neatness. Maria discussed the contest with her mom and grandma. They had great ideas for costumes and were willing to help her make it.

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| <p>1. What was the problem in the third paragraph of this story?</p> <p>A. Maria was not allowed to enter the contest.</p> <p>B. Maria didn't have a costume.</p> <p>C. Maria's grandmother couldn't sew.</p> <p>D. Maria didn't have a bicycle.</p> | <p>2. Which of these best describes how Maria most likely felt after the first four names had been called and she was not one of them?</p> <p>A. She was excited because she didn't win.</p> <p>B. She was disappointed because she thought she had not won a prize.</p> <p>C. She was angry because she had not won fifth place.</p> <p>D. She was glad because she knew she had won first prize.</p> |
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