

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR*  
**PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 3**  
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

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*Skills*

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# MCT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 3

Directions: For Numbers 1 through 9, read the following story. Then read and answer the questions about the story. Select the best answer for each question.

## CLASS TURTLE

It started when Tina and Jeremy were walking to school one morning. It had rained the day before, and there was still some water in the gutters. Tina and Jeremy were taking their time, walking slowly.

Suddenly, Tina saw something moving. There was something small and green swimming in the gutter. It was a turtle.

The turtle seemed scared. It was swimming toward a pipe that went under the road. In another minute, the turtle would be gone forever. Tina ran to the gutter and grabbed the turtle out of the water, just before it swam into the pipe.

Immediately, the turtle started snapping its mouth at Tina. It was trying to bite her. Carefully, she put the turtle into her backpack and carried it to school.

They took the turtle straight to their teacher, Mrs. Lind. After listening to their story, Mrs. Lind took the turtle and left the room.

A few minutes later, she returned carrying the turtle in a glass tank. "Class," she said, "I have an important announcement. We have a new class pet." She told the class how Tina and Jeremy found the turtle, and then the class decided to name the turtle Timmy.

1. This story is about a sea reptile. Which picture shows the sea reptile from the story?



2. Where were Tina and Jeremy going?

- (A) home from school  
(B) to Jeremy's house  
(C) to school  
(D) to the park

3. Where did Tina put the turtle?

- (A) in her pocket  
(B) in her backpack  
(C) in a glass tank  
(D) in a shoebox

4. Read this sentence from the story.

*It had rained the day before, and there was still some water in the gutters.*

What does the word gutter mean?

- (A) puddle  
(B) yard  
(C) drain  
(D) house

5. What were Tina and Jeremy doing when they found the turtle?

- (A) running in a race  
(B) playing a game  
(C) walking to school  
(D) riding bikes

6. What would have happened to the turtle if it had gone into the pipe?

- (A) It would have been trapped.  
(B) It would have been safely out of the water.  
(C) It would have come out on the other side.  
(D) It would have been afraid of the dark.