

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

Skills

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| 1.0 Context Clues | 5.0 Main Idea/Details |
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| 3.1 Word Patterns | 6.2 Cause/Effect |
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Directions: Read the following story to answer Numbers 1 through 11.

THE BACKSTREET BOYS

If the words, "Quit Playing Games With My Heart," are on your mind day and night, you are not alone. These are lyrics from one of the first hit singles by the Backstreet Boys. The five-member pop group has gained its popularity all over the world with their pre-teen fans.

Nick Carter from New York, Howie Dorough and A.J. McLean, both from Florida, began performing together in Orlando. Soon after, they hooked up with Kevin Ricardson and his cousin, Brian Littrell, both from Kentucky. This good looking and talented group took their name, The Backstreet Boys, from an outdoor Orlando market. They immediately began performing gigs throughout central Florida.

The group soon found managers, Donna and Johnny Wright, who used to manage the group New Kids on the Block. The Wrights helped shape the group into the pop dance sensations that they are now. In 1994 the Backstreet Boys signed with Jive records who produced their first album. Although Europe and Canada got the album first, it was released in the United States in 1997.

When the Backstreet Boys music hit the United States, American teens and preteens were ready for their catchy lyrics, boyish good looks, and pop dance moves. The group had everything it needed to become an overnight success, and it did.

Their first album started out at number twenty-nine on the charts. Altogether the Backstreet Boys' first album sold more than ten million copies all over the world.

Their second album, Millennium, hit the stores in 1999. It was also a large success. This album spent over a year on the Billboard Top 200 charts and sold over twelve million copies.

Black and Blue, third album of the Backstreet Boys, was released in November of 2000. The group toured six cities around the world in just one hundred hours to promote this sensation.

The continued success of the Backstreet Boys is no surprise. Kids everywhere mumble their lyrics and copy their dance steps. If the radio is turned down really low, one might hear an adult or two harmonizing with the Boys.

1. The group toured six cities in one hundred hours to
 - (A) promote their third album
 - (B) promote their second album
 - (C) try and get some fans
 - (D) they didn't tour six cities in one hundred hours
2. Backstreet Boys is a group that has gained popularity
 - (A) only in Europe
 - (B) in New York only
 - (C) all over the world
 - (D) in Florida alone
3. The Backstreet Boys got their name
 - (A) from a street
 - (B) from an outdoor Orlando market
 - (C) from the backwoods
 - (D) from a street gang
4. Read this sentence from the story.

The Wrights helped shape the group into the pop dance sensations that they are now.

After reading this story, you know that shape means

 - (A) talent
 - (B) sell
 - (C) make
 - (D) dance
5. After reading this story, you know that the Backstreet Boys began singing
 - (A) in Kentucky
 - (B) throughout Europe
 - (C) in Florida
 - (D) in Canada