

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 4 - FORM B
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

Skills

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| 1.0 Context Clues | 5.0 Extended Meaning/Thinking |
| 1.1 Words in Context | 5.1 Predictions, Inferences, Draws Conclusions |
| 1.2 Multiple Meanings | 5.2 Cause/Effect, Sequence, Compare/Contrast |
| 2.0 Word Structure | 5.3 Connects Literature to Real Life |
| 2.1 Suffix/Prefix/Inflectional Endings | 5.4 Genres |
| 2.2 Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms | 5.5 Fact/Opinion |
| 2.3 Contractions, Possessives | 5.6 Analogies |
| 3.0 Vocabulary | 5.7 Author's Purpose/Position |
| 3.1 Meaning of Words | 6.0 Workplace Data |
| 3.2 Sight Vocabulary | 6.1 Interprets Practical Data |
| 4.0 Main Idea/Details | |
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| 4.2 Details | |
| 4.3 Story Elements | |
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Directions: Read each passage and then read the questions that follow. Choose the best answer.

STORMY BEGINNINGS

Thundering sounds across the sky,
lightning flashes through the air,
pools of water from above,
to cover the pavement down below.

PAPA BEAR

Moonlit walks
tempt the beast
to wake
from night time slumber
to hunt
for tomorrow's dinner.

KITTEN

Clouds
darken the sky...
I run for safety;

Raindrops
tickle my nose...
I pad to the porch;

Wind
whistles past my ears...
I crouch beside the door;

Lightning
slashes through gray...
I scratch at the metallic net door;

Thunder
booms across the yard...
I watch the heavy door open;

Warmth
brushes down my back...
I purr in safety and delight.

1. Look at the second poem, the fourth line.

from night time slumber

What does the word *slumber* mean ?

- A. sleep
- B. echoes
- C. darkness
- D. stillness

2. The poem *Stormy Beginnings* is about

- A. the night
- B. the sky
- C. a rainstorm
- D. clouds

3. Where is the kitten at the end of the poem?

- A. in the yard
- B. in the house
- C. at the door
- D. on the porch

4. Which of these is a fact from the poem *Kitten*?

- A. It is winter.
- B. The kitten is wet.
- C. It is storming outside.
- D. The kitten sleeps inside.

5. Why do you think the Papa Bear was tempted to get up?

- A. He wanted to see the moon.
- B. He was cold.
- C. He couldn't sleep.
- D. He was hungry.

6. The poems *Stormy Beginnings* and *Kitten* both include which of these?

- A. thunder
- B. pools of water
- C. wind
- D. clouds