

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR
PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 5
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

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MCT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 5

Directions: Read the passages and the questions that follow. Choose the best answer.

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Andrea was both excited and scared when she heard the news. Her mother and father had gathered her and her sister into the living room to announce some big news.

"We have decided to spend this Christmas away from home," said Andrea's mother.

Andrea looked at her little sister Melanie's wide eyes. What did this mean?

"We are going to take a family vacation instead of spending Christmas at home," Andrea's father explained. "Don't worry. There will still be plenty of gifts, and we will have a big Christmas dinner. We thought it would be extra fun this year if we could all take a vacation away from the snow and cold weather."

Andrea thought about the snow outside. Andrea and her family lived in Castle Rock, Colorado, and it had been snowing since October. That was almost six weeks ago.

"We have decided," continued Andrea's father, "that we should spend this Christmas as a family in Hawaii."

"Hawaii!" Andrea and Melanie said it at once.

Andrea was excited about going to Hawaii, but she was also scared. She had never been to Hawaii before, but she knew that they had nice beaches and she would get to swim in the ocean and see a lot of palm trees. She also knew that Hawaii was an island, and the only way to get to an island was to fly on a big airplane. Andrea had never been in an airplane before, and the thought of being up in the air scared her. She wondered if the plane might fall out of the sky.

Andrea was the only person in the room who was not smiling. "What is wrong?" asked Andrea's mom.

"Will we have to go in an airplane?" asked Andrea. "I have never been on an airplane before."

"Yes," said Andrea's mother slowly. "Does that make you nervous?"

"A little," answered Andrea truthfully, "but I still think it would be fun to go to Hawaii."

"Your mother and I have flown on airplanes many times," said Andrea's dad. "I promise that you will be okay. Did you know that flying in an airplane is safer than riding in a car?"

"What do you mean?" asked Andrea.

"Have you ever been hurt while riding in our car?" asked Andrea's father.

"No," replied Andrea. She had never been scared to ride in a car.

"That's right," said Andrea's father.

"No one in our family has ever been hurt while riding in a car. And I heard on the television the other day that riding in an airplane is just as safe as riding in a car. Just think of riding in an airplane as being like riding in a very large car -- only more fun -- because you can't get to Hawaii in a car. Does that help you to feel better?"

Andrea thought for a moment. She had never imagined that flying in an airplane was like riding in a car. She went places in the car everyday, and she was never scared.

"But Dad," Andrea said, "when we ride in the car, you or Mom always drive. In the airplane, someone else is driving, right?"

"That's right, Andrea. The airplane pilot is a very smart man who had to go to school for a long time and practice a lot of hours before he could fly an airplane. Airline pilots are very good at flying because they have studied and practiced a lot. Do you know how long I had to study before I got to drive the car?"

"No," answered Andrea.

"I had to go to a special class for about three months, called Driver Education. Just think -- the airline pilot had to go to class for years! He is probably very good at what he does."

Andrea thought about this for a moment. "If I went to school for a lot of years, could I learn how to fly an airplane, too?"

Andrea's parents smiled. "Yes, you could," answered her mother. "And when we go to Hawaii, I'll bet that if we arrive early enough, the airplane pilot will even give you a tour of the airplane and show you how he steers the plane. How does that sound?"

For the second time that evening, Andrea and Melanie both spoke at once. "That would be a lot of fun!"

1. In the first paragraph, there is a description of Andrea.

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What does the word *announce* mean?

- A. to tell
- B. to depend
- C. to agree
- D. to deny