

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

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 Context Clues                      | 4.0 Main Idea/Details            |
| 1.1 Words in Context                   | 4.1 Main Idea                    |
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| 3.1 Sight Words                        | 5.1 Identifies Genre             |
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## MCT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 5 - FORM B

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

### HOW THE HUMMINGBIRD GOT HER COLORS

Many many years ago, every hummingbird in the world was gray in color. They were not the beautiful, shiny colors that we see today. Parrots who lived deep in the jungle were the only birds with bright colors. In that same jungle lived a huge panther who believed he was king of the jungle.

One day as the big panther was walking down a path in the deep jungle he stepped on a mouse's nest and killed all the little mice. Even though he did not do it on purpose, the mother mouse was very angry. She promised the panther that she would get even with him some day. The next week, the mouse saw her chance to get even as she spotted the panther asleep under a tree.

The mouse took sap from the tree and put it on the panther's eyes as he was sleeping. When the panther woke up, he couldn't open his eyes. He began to roar very loudly so that the roar echoed throughout the jungle. The hummingbird flew around and found where the loud roar was coming from. The hummingbird asked the panther what was wrong and offered to help him.

The panther told the hummingbird that he would give her anything if she could help him to see again. The hummingbird pecked at the sap on the panther's eyes until it was gone. The panther kept his word and offered the hummingbird anything she desired. The little, gray bird told the panther she would like to have a beautiful dress like the parrot. The panther told her where to find beautiful, colored clay and jewels to rub on her feathers. That is why the hummingbirds are adorned in such beautiful colors today.

1. Read this sentence from the fourth paragraph.

*The panther kept his word and offered the hummingbird anything she desired.*

What does the word *desired* mean?

- A. wanted
  - B. covered
  - C. contented
  - D. opened
2. What is the main purpose for writing this story?
- A. To explain why the panther was the king of the jungle.
  - B. To tell how the clay in the jungle became beautifully colored.
  - C. To explain why the hummingbird is no longer a dull gray.
  - D. To give information about the panther.
3. Why did the mouse want to get even with the panther?
- A. The panther roared loudly disturbing the jungle.
  - B. The panther accidentally stepped on the baby mice and killed them.
  - C. The panther put sap on the mouse's eyes.
  - D. She didn't like the panther calling himself the king of the jungle.
4. How did the panther persuade the hummingbird to help him get his sight back?
- A. He told her he would give her colorful jewels.
  - B. He promised her anything she wanted if she would help him.
  - C. He promised to give her colored feathers.
  - D. He told her she would be the queen of the jungle.