

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR
PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 6 - FORM B
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

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Directions: Read the following story to answer Numbers 1 through 8.

Dear Kristi,

How are you? I was happy to get your letter today. I hope you feel better soon. I just barely got back from the airport. Mom and Dad took me to welcome my sister Lisa home. This is the first time she has been back home since she moved away to go to college. She has changed a lot; she even dyed her hair red! Mom isn't happy about that, but I think it will be okay. Anyway, we had a welcome home party, and Lisa showed me her pictures from college and promised that I could come and stay over night with her some time! I am excited about that. Mom and Dad even agreed that it would be a "good experience" for me. And then we came home, and your letter was waiting for me in the mailbox. It was about time you wrote! By the way, you didn't write and tell me your new address before your birthday, so it is your own fault that you didn't get a package from us! Just teasing! I will send one this week with those cookies that you love.

If this letter is late, it is because we got a new word processing program for our computer and it didn't work right, so I had to start all over again. The computer lost the first letter that I wrote.

I just love the Madonna sticker and quote that you sent. I am going to put it on the wall in my room. It is very cool. I hope you are feeling better by the time you get this letter. But if you are only going to write me letters when you are sick in bed, I hope you get another cold!

I wish I could come and visit you in London, England. You sound like you are having a very good time (when you are not sick in bed!). Did you see the Queen yet? I think it would be a lot of fun to be able to go to the ocean whenever you want.

What is new around here? Let's see. Today at the airport, my brother Jacob played a joke on Lisa that you would have liked. He had written her a letter a long time ago and told her that he was growing his hair long. Of course, she didn't believe it. (And it wasn't true.) So, Jacob bought this hat that has a ponytail in the back, so it looks like he has a real ponytail when he wears it. And then, to top it off, he

got his ear pierced for real, (he claims that he is going to let the hole grow back in). And he wore all this to the airport. And Lisa fell for it BIG TIME. The first thing she said to him was, "You've got long hair!" and then, a few hugs later, she started yelling, "You are not keeping that! I am going to cut it off. You can't have long hair. It's coming off."

So Jacob said, "You're right" and whipped the hat off of his head. Lisa was stunned for a moment, and then the whole family started to laugh and she started to yell at him for playing the joke, and then she slapped him across the face! Not a hard slap, just a harmless, joking slap. It was very funny.

Well, write back soon, and get better! Love, Ann

1. Read this sentence from the passage.

I am excited about that. Mom and Dad even agreed that it would be a "good experience" for me.

In this passage, the word *excited* means

- A. nervous
- B. cautious
- C. doubtful
- D. happy

2. Which of these is the best summary sentence of the fifth paragraph?

- A. Jacob grew a real ponytail and pierced his ear.
- B. Jacob enjoyed playing a trick on Lisa at the airport.
- C. Lisa was surprised to see Jacob when she walked off the airplane.
- D. Ann would love to visit Kristi in England some time soon.

3. What had Lisa changed when she had returned home from college?

- A. She had gotten her ears pierced.
- B. She was wearing a baseball cap.
- C. She had dyed her hair red.
- D. She had Madonna stickers to put on her wall.