

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR
PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 7 - FORM B
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

Skills

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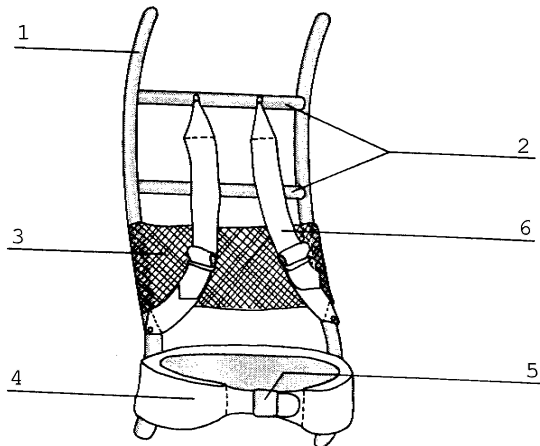
Directions: Read the passages. Then read the questions and choose the best answer.

An overnight backpack is used when a hiker goes on an extended trip that will require taking along a sleeping bag, food, supplies, and clothing. This equipment is carried in a waterproof pack attached to a special frame. The frame (shown below) helps keep the pack away from the walker's back so that he or she is not constantly poked by articles within the pack.

The two vertical bars of the frame are the main support bars. They are usually made of metal and are slightly S-shaped. Two small, horizontal metal bars, called struts, keep the frame from twisting out of shape.

Midway down the frame there is a mesh back band. The holes in the mesh allow air to circulate at the small of the back, so that the back stays cool. The lowermost band is the hip belt. It helps to distribute the majority of the weight of the pack over the legs rather than the shoulders. The hip belt is often foam-covered so that it will not slip. The quick-release buckle on the hip belt makes the pack easy to remove.

The straps that go over the shoulders are attached to the top strut and the main support bars. These straps are adjustable so the pack can be fitted to individual body shapes.



1. Read the sentence from the passage.

These straps are adjustable so the pack can be fitted to individual body shapes.

Which of the following definitions means the same as the word *adjustable* as it is used in the passage?

- A. able to be changed for comfort
- B. disposable
- C. able to be worn in front or back
- D. removable

2. Which of the following is a summary of this passage?

- A. the importance of having a backpack on an overnight trip
- B. the construction of a backpack frame
- C. the purpose of having a mesh backband on a backpack frame
- D. the different sizes of hikers and how backpack frames fit