

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR*  
**PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 3 FORM B**  
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

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Directions: Look at SAMPLE A. Read the story. One sentence is missing. Read the answer choices. Find the sentence that best completes the story. Fill in the circle by your answer.

SAMPLE A

My dog saw a cat. \_\_\_\_\_.  
The cat ran up a tree.

- (A) The bird flew away.
- (B) The dog chased the cat.
- (C) The cat saw a mouse.
- (D) The dog ran away.

1. Which sentence below best describes or tells the most?

- (A) We went on a long trip.
- (B) My family went on a bus.
- (C) The trip was nice.
- (D) My family went on a wonderful vacation last summer.

2. Which sentence would be the best topic sentence for the paragraph below?

\_\_\_\_\_. We stayed in a condo which is like a small apartment.

- (A) The lake was pretty.
- (B) Last week my family went to the lake.
- (C) My family is big.
- (D) We went swimming at the lake.

3. Read some more of this paragraph and select the missing sentence.

There was a big pool and a large hot tub. We went swimming right after breakfast every day.

\_\_\_\_\_.  
When we got back, we would go to the playground.

- (A) During the day we went shopping or sight seeing.
- (B) Everyone in my family likes to swim.
- (C) The swings are my favorite thing.
- (D) The playground had monkey bars.

4. Which sentence would be the best conclusion for the last paragraph in this story?

Some days we ate out while we were out shopping. Other days we went back to the condo and ate lunch. Our week was over too soon, and we had to go back home.

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- (A) My mom enjoyed not having to cook.
- (B) Swimming was the best part of the day.
- (C) We had to wash clothes when we got home.
- (D) We really had fun at the lake and can't wait until next summer.