

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

Skills

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Directions: Read each paragraph. For questions 1 through 3, choose the sentence that would best fill in the blank in the paragraph to finish the story.

_____. They carry their lunch to the park beside her house. They find a picnic table under a tall oak tree. As they eat their lunch, they visit with each other. After lunch grandfather watches Susie as she plays on the slides and swings.

1. (A) Susie loves to go on picnics with her grandfather.
- (B) After Susie plays, she and grandfather sit and rest.
- (C) Susie and her grandfather walk back home at the end of the day.
- (D) They clean off their table and throw away the trash.

There are many different kinds of deer. They come in all sizes. _____. A moose can grow to be ten feet long! It can grow to be seven feet tall at the shoulder. That means its head is even higher up. A moose could look down on a basketball player.

2. (A) The smallest deer in the world is called a pudu.
- (B) But the antelope is fast.
- (C) You are a lot taller than the pudu.
- (D) The largest deer in the world is the moose.

_____. They did not have pennies or nickels. They did not have dimes or quarters. There was no money anywhere.

3. (A) After a long time, animals were used like money.
- (B) Long ago, people did not use money.
- (C) At long last, somebody made money out of metal.
- (D) To trade is to give somebody one thing if that person gives you another thing.

Directions: For question 4, read the sentence. Then decide which detail sentences go with the topic sentence.

4. Mrs. Smith's class will put on a spring play.
 - (A) During P.E. class they do exercises. They will make their own costumes.
 - (B) They will invite their parents. Each day they practice their lines.
 - (C) Mrs. Smith helped the students paint the set. The class will visit the zoo next week.
 - (D) The teacher assigns lots of homework. The class is very noisy.

Directions: For question 5, choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

5. (A) Rick found many interesting things to do at the seashore.
- (B) He swam in the waves and built sand castles.
- (C) He likes to play word games when riding in the car.
- (D) Then he walked along and looked for sea shells.