

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR
PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 3 FORM B
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1. Which sentence is the topic sentence in this paragraph?
- (A) The world of dog products is growing and growing.
 - (B) It means that life is not easy.
 - (C) Whoever started that expression may have been wrong.
 - (D) It used to be that the family dog lived outside and helped on the farm.

2. Which of these sentences would not belong in a paragraph with the others?
- (A) There are many fun ways to exercise.
 - (B) One way to exercise is to ride a bike.
 - (C) Skating is another good way to get exercise.
 - (D) Watching television is fun.

Directions: Read the paragraph. Choose the sentence that would best fill in the blank in the paragraph to finish the story.

_____. His name is Steveland Morris. He had two older brothers named Calvin and Milton. The three boys always played together when they were young. Calvin and Milton knew that Stevie couldn't see the same way they did, but they did not think that should stop him from playing games or climbing trees. Therefore, Stevie grew up in a very normal way.

3. (A) Stevie Wonder had a special talent and love of music.
- (B) Stevie Wonder was born May 13, 1950, in Saginaw, Michigan.
- (C) When Stevie was very young, his favorite toys were two spoons that he banged together.
- (D) Stevie was able to tell what was going on around him by the sound.

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

4. A shooting star is a piece of rock from outer space.
- (A) But as the rock spins, it comes closer to earth. One day, it comes so close that it falls through our air.
 - (B) Sometimes you can see one at night. Shooting stars move across the sky very fast.
 - (C) But some hit the ground before they burn up. Then the rock makes a hole in the ground.
 - (D) This heat makes the rock burn. The trail of light is really fire.

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

5. (A) Many words in our language take their name from people.
- (B) The sandwich is named for the Earl of Sandwich.
- (C) Many people are named after one or both of their parents.
- (D) Bloomers are named for Amelia Bloomer, who popularized the loose-fitting pants.

Directions: For question 6, choose the sentence that is missing from the paragraph below.

_____. Octopuses live in seas all over the world. Some octopuses are very small. Some are very large. They can be three feet long.

6. (A) An octopus can squeeze itself into a very small space.
- (B) The octopus lives in the sea.
- (C) The head is the center of the octopus's body.
- (D) An octopus has a very large head.