

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR
PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 4
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

Skills

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1. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph below.

_____. First, he pulled the hose out of the storage. Then he squirted some soap in a bucket. After he soaped the bike with a sponge, Jeffrey carefully rinsed it with water. He dried each part with an old towel.

- A. Jeffrey's bike is new.
 B. Jeffrey washed his bike last Saturday.
 C. Jeffrey enjoys his clean bike.
 D. Jeffrey does not like to wash his bike.
2. Choose the best paragraph for this topic sentence.

A weatherman must use many instruments to help him predict the weather.

- A. The weather changes all the time. The weatherman measures how much rain and snow falls each day.
 B. The barometer measures air pressure. The weatherman is right much of the time.
 C. Much information is learned from the rise and fall in temperature. The work of a weatherman is never easy.
 D. A thermometer is used to measure the temperature. A barometer measures air pressure.
3. Choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

(1) Birds get new feathers each year.
 (2) Usually the new feathers grow during the summer. (3) A bird will not migrate until it is well rested. (4) This process is called molting.

- A. sentence 1
 B. sentence 2
 C. sentence 3
 D. sentence 4

4. Which sentence does not belong in the paragraph below?

(1) Our class has new computers.
 (2) We are learning to use the Internet to do research for our reports. (3) Our teacher lets us work in pairs at the computer. (4) We must also check books out of the library.

- A. sentence 1
 B. sentence 2
 C. sentence 3
 D. sentence 4

5. Read the paragraph below. Then choose the sentence that is the best conclusion sentence for this paragraph.

Taking pictures is a hobby that many people have. It is a way to document special people, places, and events. Selecting just the right camera and film can be very difficult because there are many different kinds of cameras and just as many choices in film.

- A. Only professional photographers take good pictures.
 B. All cameras are very expensive.
 C. Owning a good camera helps one make good pictures.
 D. Film developing is very expensive.

Directions: For questions 6 and 7, read each paragraph. Choose the sentence that belongs in the paragraph.

Rachel loves to go fishing with her grandfather. They carry their fishing poles to the pond on her grandfather's farm. _____. Rachel baits her hook with a cricket or a worm. She casts her line as far as she can throw.

6. A. Rachel takes her fish off the hook.
 B. Rachel's grandfather ties a hook to the end of her line.
 C. Rachel reels her line in slowly.
 D. Rachel puts the fish on a stringer.