

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR*  
**PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 5**  
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

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## MCT PRACTICE TEST IN LANGUAGE ARTS - GRADE 5

1. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

\_\_\_\_\_ . He was the first man to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean. When he was a child, he always daydreamed about being a great pilot some day.

- A. Charles Lindbergh never really liked to fly.
  - B. Charles Lindbergh was one of the greatest pilots ever.
  - C. Charles Lindbergh really wanted to be a race car driver.
  - D. Charles Lindbergh was an outstanding parachute jumper.
2. Which sentence would be the best conclusion for the paragraph below?

Water skiing is a favorite sport of many people. Many people wait for the first sign of summer to pack their gear and head for their favorite lake.

- A. Not only is water skiing great fun, but it is good exercise.
  - B. Cold weather is great for going to the lake.
  - C. Everyone loves to go camping.
  - D. Snow skiing can be lots of fun.
3. Look at the topic sentence below. Which detail sentence would go with that topic sentence?

The scorpion is a dangerous insect that stings.

- A. It's sting is powerful and can be fatal.
- B. People living in the tropics must not worry about scorpions.
- C. The scorpion does not really sting people.
- D. The scorpion is a household pet in some climates.

4. Read the sentences below. Choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

- A. The earth's surface is made up of about twenty rigid plates or sections of earth.
- B. These plates move slowly past each other.
- C. The earth's surface is very rough.
- D. When the force of movement is too great, the rocks shift and shatter, causing an earthquake.

*Directions: For Numbers 5 through 8, read each paragraph. Choose the sentence that best fits in the blank in the paragraph.*

5. At one time, there were less than one hundred trumpeter swans left in the world. The giant birds were hunted for their skin and quills. \_\_\_\_\_. But people began to watch out for the graceful swans. Now about ten thousand of these majestic birds are left.
- A. You can see different kinds of birds at a zoo.
  - B. Their soft feathers were used in powder puffs.
  - C. The birds are extremely hard to catch.
  - D. Not all birds have the ability to fly.
6. Toronto has the world's largest shopping mall. \_\_\_\_\_. They are connected by three miles of tunnels and sidewalks. These tunnels and sidewalks also connect 35 high-rise buildings. To get to the underground mall, shoppers enter at the street level of one of the buildings and ride elevators down.
- A. Every big city has a shopping mall.
  - B. Below the ground, there are more than 1000 shops and services.
  - C. They wanted visitors to see Toronto at street level, too.
  - D. That's because the temperature is controlled.