

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR*  
**PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 6**  
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

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*Directions: For Numbers 1 through 3, choose the answer that best develops the topic sentence.*

1. Rosalyn Yallow was the second woman to win the Nobel prize in medicine.
  - A. Many men have won the Nobel prize for various discoveries. They work very hard to achieve their goals. They want to be recognized in the field of medicine.
  - B. She is a scientist from New York City who works many hours each week. Rosalyn has worked out a way to measure substances in the blood and tissue. This finding helps detect diseases early.
  - C. The Nobel prize is given yearly to someone who has made great achievements in their field of study.
  - D. Women win very few awards. It is a man's world, and women have to fight hard to be recognized in today's world.
  
2. New York would not be the same without the Festival of San Gennaro.
  - A. Once a year along Mulberry Street in New York City there is a feast. It is a ten block spectacle. People come to eat, drink, sing, and dance. Everyone is friendly. There are hundreds of booths in the streets.
  - B. Festivals are very exciting. They also draw big crowds to the cities where they are held. Children like to attend to see the funny clowns that often perform.
  - C. New York is one of the largest cities in the United States. It holds many landmarks in American history. It is a wonderful place to spend a vacation.
  - D. Many people travel through New York each year. There are many things to see. It is also known for its many shopping areas. People enjoy shopping at various festivals which are held in the city.

3. Nancy Lopez is the hottest golfer to blaze across the fairways in years.
  - A. The sport of golf is making its way into many households in America. It is great fun and good exercise.
  - B. She was voted player of the year twice. As a rookie, she set a record for money earnings. She has won nine tournaments.
  - C. Very few women enjoy the game of golf. It is basically a male-dominated sport.
  - D. She was born into a poor Mexican-American family in California. Later her family moved to New Mexico.

*Directions: For Number 4, read the paragraph. Choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.*

(1)The Mohawks are native to New York, and they have always shown an original quality. (2)They have no fear of heights and are very nimble. (3)There are many restaurants in New York. (4)For this reason, most of the skyscrapers in New York City were built by the Mohawk workers.

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

*Directions: For Numbers 5 through 9, read the paragraph. Choose the sentence that best fills the blank in the paragraph.*

Most slaves don't become famous. But Aesop was unusual. He was a clever and witty Greek slave who earned his freedom with his cleverness. \_\_\_\_\_ . Two thousand years later, people still use his stories to teach lessons or gain helpful advice.

5.
  - A. He escaped from slavery at an early age.
  - B. He used his animal fables to teach people respect for others.
  - C. The Greek people never freed a slave.
  - D. Many slaves become famous after they are free.