

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 6 - FORM B
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

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Directions: Use the passage below to answer Numbers 1 through 3.

Boil a pan of water. Place a cup of noodles in the pan. Set a timer for 10 minutes after the water begins to boil again. When the timer sounds, pour the pan of noodles in a colander. Drain and serve immediately.

1. What is the second step in cooking noodles?
 - A. Boil a pan of water.
 - B. Place a cup of noodles in the pan.
 - C. Pour the pan of noodles in a colander.
 - D. Drain and serve immediately.

2. Which step should be completed right before draining noodles?
 - A. Pour the pan of noodles in a colander.
 - B. Boil a pan of water.
 - C. Set the timer for 10 minutes.
 - D. Serve immediately.

3. What is the first step in preparing noodles?
 - A. Set the timer for 10 minutes.
 - B. Boil a pan of water.
 - C. Drain and serve immediately.
 - D. Pour the pan of noodles in a colander.

Directions: Read the passage for Numbers 4 through 9 and select the sentence that best completes the passage.

Tension headaches often develop from stress. These headaches cause the shoulders and neck muscles to tighten. The most severe pain is in the neck, and it sometimes travels down to the shoulders. _____.

4.
 - A. The head is usually pounding.
 - B. There is tenderness in the face.
 - C. The neck and shoulders generally are sensitive to touch.
 - D. The eyes tend to swell up.

A caterpillar hangs from a twig using a silk "safety belt" it has spun. Slowly it wiggles out of its old skin without tearing the belt. The caterpillar becomes a pupa. The pupa is very still, but inside changes are happening fast. _____.

5.
 - A. The contents of the pupa remain inside.
 - B. Finally a black and orange butterfly emerges from the pupa.
 - C. The "safety belt" gives way and the pupa is destroyed.
 - D. The pupa becomes another caterpillar.

Charles Goodyear discovered the process that made rubber into a useful product. His early business failed, and he began his rubber experiments while in prison for debt. He later sold his ideas about rubber because he had no money. _____ . He left his family in debt.

6.
 - A. He never worked very hard in his life.
 - B. He was poor when he died at the age of 60.
 - C. He never made money from his invention.
 - D. He died a wealthy man.

Using email as a means of communication saves time and money. A person can send an email to anyone in the world if there is an internet account. When you send email, you are not charged for every separate email. _____.

7.
 - A. Email is exciting.
 - B. An email account is convenient and inexpensive.
 - C. A person needs to know how to type to use email.
 - D. Email is an expensive way to communicate.