

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 7 - FORM B
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

Skills

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| 1.0 Meaning | 3.0 Editing |
| 1.1 Paragraph Development | 3.1 Capitalization |
| 1.2 Organizational Patterns
(Application, List of
Directions, Menu) | 3.2 Punctuation |
| 1.3 Follows Written Directions | 3.3 Grammar |
| 2.0 Sentence Structure | 4.0 Spelling |
| 2.1 Word Choices | 4.1 Frequently Used Words |
| 2.2 Sentence Patterns | |
| 2.3 Types of Sentences
(Interrogative, Imperative,
Declarative, Exclamatory) | |
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Directions: For Numbers 1 and 2, choose the topic sentence that would best complete each paragraph.

1. _____ . So they are often used in industrial work. Sometimes whole diamonds are set into tools. Other times, dust from crushed stones is used to coat tool edges. The strange thing is that if diamonds are exposed to extreme heat, they may turn into graphite. That's the same soft material pencil leads are made of.
- A. Diamonds are so hard that they can cut through almost any metal.
 - B. Many people use a variety of different tools.
 - C. Tools are made with many different materials.
 - D. Diamonds are used to make beautiful pieces of jewelry.
2. _____ . First, break two or three eggs in a bowl making sure that the eggshells do not fall in. Add a small amount of milk and some salt and pepper. Mix these ingredients well. Place a small amount of butter in a skillet, and when the skillet begins to get hot, pour the egg mixture in. Stir constantly so that the eggs won't stick. When the eggs are no longer runny, remove them from the skillet and enjoy!
- A. A good breakfast is very important to start your day.
 - B. Scrambled eggs is a quick and easy dish that anyone can make.
 - C. Always check inside the egg carton at the store to make sure the eggs are not broken.
 - D. Spices can be added to scrambled eggs.

Directions: For Number 3, read the topic sentence. Then choose the answer that best develops that topic sentence.

3. Sundews are beautiful little plants that seem small and harmless.
- A. Some plants collect rain water at their base. When insects go inside to get the water, they cannot escape. The plants are lined with a powder that makes it impossible for the insects to climb back out.
 - B. But their looks are deceiving. All around the edges of their leaves are tiny hairs that glisten with a shiny liquid. To an insect, this liquid looks like food. The insect lands on the leaf. The liquid is sticky, and the insect cannot get loose.
 - C. When an insect lands on the colorful petals, the bug starts falling. The insect slides down into the slippery insides of the plant.
 - D. When an insect comes near the trap doors of the bladderwort leaf, the trap door opens. The insect is pulled inside.

Directions: Read the paragraph in Number 4. Choose the sentence that best fills in the blank in the paragraph.

4. In the United States there are contests for everybody. On the first weekend in October in Lincoln, Nebraska, it's time for the Apple Seed Popping Contest. Line up with everybody else. _____ . If your apple seeds pop the farthest, you're a winner!
- A. At the signal, give your chicken a little push.
 - B. Americans like food contests.
 - C. You'll win some books if you blow the first bubble.
 - D. Take a fresh apple and squeeze it hard in your fist.