

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 3

(Test items developed for skills measured in TCAP)

Skills

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| 1.0 | Content | 4.0 | Writing/Organization |
| 1.1 | Story Elements | 4.1 | Paragraph Organization |
| 1.2 | Sequence of Events | 4.2 | Simple Graphic Organizer |
| 1.3 | Forms of Text | 4.3 | Title |
| 2.0 | Word Meanings | 5.0 | Writing |
| 2.1 | Text Elements | 5.1 | Purpose of Writing |
| 2.2 | Comprehension Strategies | 5.2 | Problematic Sentences |
| 3.0 | Vocabulary | 6.0 | Grammar |
| 3.1 | Sounds | 6.1 | Parts of Speech |
| 3.2 | Meaning in Context | 6.2 | Capitalization |
| 3.3 | Synonyms/Antonyms | 6.3 | Punctuation |
| 3.4 | Compound Words/Contractions/
Abbreviations | 6.4 | Usage |
| 3.5 | Root Words | 7.0 | Literary/Research Skills |
| 3.6 | Multi-Meaning Words | 7.1 | Select Sources |
| | | 7.2 | Illustrations |
| | | 7.3 | Find Information |
| | | 7.4 | Alphabetize |
| | | 7.5 | Spelling |

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TCAP PRACTICE TEST IN READING (ENGLISH) - GRADE 3
FORM A

PART 1

Read each passage and fill in the circle by your answer. Stop when you come to the word STOP.

Henry (Hank) Aaron grew up in Alabama. He spent much of his free time in the backyard of his home. There usually wasn't anyone to throw the ball for him. He was sharp as a tack, and he figured out that if he threw the ball onto the roof of the house he could hit it when it rolled off. He didn't have a real bat so he used a broom handle. Hank's father, who had once played semiprofessional baseball, encouraged Hank's hobby.

When he was fifteen, some adults from a semiprofessional team, the Black Bears, saw Hank play. Although Hank's school did not have a baseball team, he was able to play in a softball league after school. They asked him to play with them on weekends.

After graduating from high school, Hank joined the Indianapolis Clowns. After only six weeks Hank was playing so well that he was offered a job with a professional team, the Milwaukee Braves. Moving to Milwaukee was hard for Hank. He was far from home. He had trouble making friends. At the end of the season, Hank was voted Rookie of the Year.

Hank soon moved up to Major League Baseball. He became known as a home-run hitter. On April 8 1974, Hank Aaron made baseball history by breaking the lifetime home run record of the famous Babe Ruth. Hank Aaron, by then a member of the Atlanta Braves, would be remembered as one of baseball's greatest players.

1. Which is a fact from this passage?

- (A) Hank played for the Indianapolis Clowns.
- (B) Hank wasn't a good baseball player.
- (C) Hank wasn't very friendly.
- (D) Hank didn't like to play baseball.

2. Which best describes this passage?

- (A) It is fiction.
- (B) It is a fantasy.
- (C) It is about a real person.
- (D) It is about a make believe person.