

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 4

(Test items developed for skills measured in TCAP)

Skills

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| 1.0 Content | 5.0 Writing |
| 1.1 Story Elements | 5.1 Capitalization |
| 1.2 Sequence of Events | 5.2 Problematic Sentences |
| 1.3 Forms of Text | 5.3 Purpose of Writing |
| 2.0 Word Meanings | 5.4 Organize Ideas |
| 2.1 Text Elements | 6.0 Grammar |
| 2.2 Comprehension Strategies | 6.1 Parts of Speech |
| 2.3 Author's Purpose | 6.2 Types of Sentences |
| 3.0 Vocabulary | 6.3 Punctuation |
| 3.1 Meaning in Context | 6.4 Usage |
| 3.2 Synonyms/Antonyms/Homonyms | 7.0 Literary/Research Skills |
| 3.3 Prefixes/Suffixes/Root Words | 7.1 Select Source |
| 4.0 Writing/Organization | 7.2 Interpret Data |
| 4.1 Paragraph Organization | 7.3 Parts of a Book |
| 4.2 Supporting Details | 7.4 Figurative Language |
| 4.3 Title | 7.5 Spelling |
| 4.4 Simple Outlines | |

Number of questions: 64
Number of pages: 26
Approximate testing time: 80 minutes

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TCAP PRACTICE TEST IN READING (ENGLISH) - GRADE 4
FORM A

PART 1

Read each passage and answer the questions that follow. Stop when you come to the word STOP.

Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman, an African American, was born in 1820. Harriet was a slave who grew up on a plantation in Maryland.

As a very young girl, Harriet had to work inside her master's house. She did not like working inside. Harriet had learned a great love of the outdoors from her father, Benjamin Ross, who was a woodcutter.

Harriet grew up to be a very strong young lady. Due to her strength and willingness to work hard, she was sent outside to work in the fields. She was much happier outdoors because it gave her a sense of freedom. Working outdoors made her grow even stronger. Every chance she got, Harriet worked with her father in the woods. He taught her to walk through the woods without making a sound.

Harriet heard many stories about slaves who ran away to the North, where slavery was illegal and they could be free. Frequently, the runaway slaves were captured, returned to the South, and punished. Occasionally some slaves did manage to escape. Harriet was very amazed by the story told about one slave in Kentucky. His master had followed him. He watched the slave cross a river and just seemed to disappear. The angry master was very puzzled by this and said, "He must have gone on an underground railroad." Harriet was thrilled with the idea of a secret underground road that would lead slaves to freedom. She often wondered, "Could there really be such a secret road to freedom?" Later she heard that slaves really did escape on something called the Underground Railroad.

1. When Harriet learned about the underground railroad, she probably felt

- A. angry
- B. frustrated
- C. defeated
- D. excited

2. What does the author use the word "station" to refer to in this passage?

- A. a real train station
- B. a house where slaves could stay overnight and be safe
- C. a gas station where people could get their car serviced
- D. a rest stop for cars and trucks to park and rest