

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 5

(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 | Descriptive Word Choices |
| 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 |
| 3.0 | Vocabulary | 6.2 | Subject-Verb Agreement |
| 3.1 | Meaning in Context | 6.3 | Punctuation |
| 3.2 | Synonyms/Antonyms/Homonyms | 6.4 | Usage |
| 3.3 | Prefixes/Suffixes/Root Words | 7.0 | Literary/Research Skills |
| 4.0 | Writing/Organization | 7.1 | Select Source |
| 4.1 | Paragraph Organization | 7.2 | Interpret Data |
| 4.2 | Supporting Details | 7.3 | Supporting Evidence |
| 4.3 | Title | 7.4 | Figurative Language |
| 4.4 | Simple Outlines | 7.5 | Spelling |

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TCAP PRACTICE TEST IN READING (ENGLISH) - GRADE 5
FORM A

PART 1

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

The Academy Awards

Each year, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences presents several awards for excellence in the world of motion pictures. There are awards given for best picture, best actor and actress, and numerous other awards for people involved in production, acting, and filming of movies. The awards are not simply for the stars of movies. Awards are also presented for supporting roles as well. The Academy Award is the most coveted prize in the movie industry. It is something everyone involved in the making of a movie hopes to achieve, but very few ever receive.

The first Academy Award were presented in 1928. The movie "Wings" was named best picture in what has become an annual event and a vital part of show business tradition. The actual prize which the Academy presents is a statue which stands thirteen and one-half inches high. The bronze statue weighs eight and one-half pounds. It is covered in gold. The statue is more commonly known as an "Oscar".

Even though the award ceremonies originally began in 1928, the statue was not named until 1931. One day, the Academy librarian looked at the statue and declared, "It looks like my Uncle Oscar!" From that day forward, the statue has been referred to by no other name but Oscar.

1. Read these two sentences.

The bronze statue weighs eight and one-half pounds. It is covered in gold.

What would be the best way to combine these two sentences from this passage?

- A. The bronze statue weighs eight and one-half pounds. It is covered in gold.
- B. The bronze statue, covered in gold, weighs eight and one-half pounds.
- C. The statue covered in gold and bronze, weighs eight and one-half pounds.
- D. The gold statue, and bronze, weighs eight and one-half pounds.

2. Which sentence below has a problem with subject verb agreement?

- A. The first Academy Award were presented in 1928.
- B. The awards are not simply for the stars of movies.
- C. Even though the award ceremonies originally began in 1928, the statue was not named until 1931.
- D. It is something everyone involved in the making of a movie hopes to achieve, but very few ever receive.

3. If you were planning to present a report on past winners of the Academy Awards, which of these topics would you most likely look under to find additional information?

- A. motion pictures
- B. Academy Awards
- C. famous statues
- D. actors and actresses