

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 7

(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 Problematic Sentences |
| 1.2 Author's Purpose | 5.2 Purpose of Writing |
| 1.3 Forms of Text | 5.3 Organize Ideas |
| 2.0 Word Meanings | 6.0 Grammar |
| 2.1 Text Elements | 6.1 Parts of Speech |
| 2.2 Comprehension Strategies | 6.2 Punctuation |
| 3.0 Vocabulary | 6.3 Usage |
| 3.1 Meaning in Context | 7.0 Literary/Research Skills |
| 3.2 Synonyms/Antonyms/Homonyms | 7.1 Select Source |
| 4.0 Writing/Organization | 7.2 Interpret Data |
| 4.1 Paragraph Organization | 7.3 Spelling |
| 4.2 Title | 7.4 Figurative Language |
| 4.3 Simple Outlines | |

Number of questions: 64
Number of pages: 19
Approximate testing time: 80 minutes

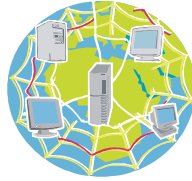
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TCAP PRACTICE TEST IN READING (ENGLISH) - GRADE 7
FORM A

PART 1

Read each text piece and then answer the questions. Stop when you come to the word STOP.



- 1 Do you use the Internet? Chances are that if you are a student in school, then you use the Internet in your classroom. You may use it for homework, for email, or for writing essays. You may even have the Internet at home where you can use it to play, send photos, or look up your favorite movie. But no matter how you use the Internet now, the way you use the Internet may be changing soon.
- 2 The reason that the Internet is changing may surprise you: it is cell phones and pagers. You probably know someone who uses a cell phone, a pager, or both. Perhaps your parents have one for work, or perhaps you have a pager yourself to keep in touch with your parents and your friends. As more and more people use them, cell phones and pagers have gotten cheaper to use, and manufacturers have been more creative as they design them. The result is that cell phones and pagers will do more things than they have ever done before.
- 3 Cell phones will be smaller, and they will have Internet capabilities. They will also work as pagers, email, clocks, and alarm reminders all in one. You will soon be able to carry one small computer device that can do many things. Cell phones are small computers. Beginning around Christmas of the year 2000, these "new" cell phones went on sale.
- 4 Interestingly, these new cell phones that are really computers are designed for kids. Students of all ages are usually the first to want, and use, new technology. And the cheaper such devices are, the more children who will be able to get them. Kids may buy these new cell phone computers themselves, or they may get them as gifts. But they will use them. Cell phones are in every teenager's hand today. You could talk in your favorite chat room while you shop at the mall, or you could email a friend while you page your parents to let them know what time you will be home. The possibilities are endless. You will even be able to do your homework while you travel in the car or ride the bus. These new devices will help everyone to do more and do it faster.

1. Which sentence doesn't belong in paragraph 4?
- A. Interestingly, these new cell phones that are really computers are designed for kids.
 - B. But they will use them.
 - C. Cell phones are in every teenager's hand today.
 - D. These new devices will help everyone to do more and do it faster.

2. What would be the best title for this article?
- A. Internet Can be Found on Cell Phones
 - B. Valuable Internet Information
 - C. How We Use the Internet
 - D. Which Way Would You Use the Internet