

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR

PRACTICE TEST, READING, GRADE 2

(Test items developed for skills measured in TERRA NOVA [CTBS]*)

Skills

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| 1.0 | Literal Meaning | 7.0 | Writing Strategies |
| 1.1 | Vocabulary | 7.1 | Pre-Writing Techniques |
| 1.2 | Stated Information | 7.2 | Topic Sentences/Concluding Sentences/Connective and Transitional Words and Phrases, etc. |
| 2.0 | Reading Comprehension | 8.0 | Editing Skills |
| 2.1 | Draw Conclusions | 8.1 | Capitalization |
| 2.2 | Story Elements | 8.2 | Punctuation |
| 3.0 | Extend Meaning | 8.3 | Using Parts of Speech |
| 3.1 | Predict/Hypothesize | 9.0 | Thinking Skills |
| 3.2 | Application to Other Situations | 9.1 | Generate Ideas |
| 4.0 | Reading Strategies | 9.2 | Organize Information |
| 4.1 | Vocabulary Strategies | 9.3 | Gather Information |
| 4.2 | Summarize/Compare Information | 9.4 | Analyze Information |
| 5.0 | Sounds/Symbols | 9.5 | Evaluating Outcomes |
| 5.1 | Analysis of Words | 9.6 | Synthesize |
| 6.0 | Sentence Structure | | |
| 6.1 | Writing Conventions | | |
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Number of questions: 60
Number of pages: TE=18; SE=17
Approximate testing time: 75 minutes

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**Terra Nova PRACTICE TEST IN READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
TEACHER EDITION - GRADE 2**

Teacher says: Find Sample A. Read the story. Then find the correct answer for the question following the story. Fill in the circle by the correct answer.

SAMPLE A

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Where do most birds lay their eggs?

house

nests

water

Teacher says: You should have marked nests. The story says "Most birds lay their eggs in nests." Find the directions for the next story. Listen as I read them. Follow along with me.

Directions: Read the story and use it to answer Numbers 1 through 7.

Teacher says: You may look back at the story to answer questions 1 through 7. Stop when you come to the words "STOP HERE."

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In one window was a small brown puppy with long hair and big ears. Each time Dennis came to his window, the puppy became very excited. He would bark and jump and stick out his tongue. He looked like a very fun dog. Dennis told his mother he wanted to keep him.

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STUDENT EDITION - GRADE 2

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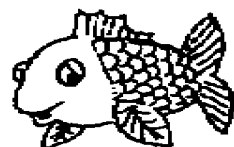
1. Which picture shows what Dennis wanted?



a dog



a cat



a fish