

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST, READING, GRADE 3**

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

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 | Literal Meaning                    | 4.0 | Reading Strategies                         |
| 1.1 | Vocabulary                         | 4.1 | Using Pictures/Graphs/<br>Text Information |
| 1.2 | Stated Information                 | 4.2 | Summarize/Compare<br>Information           |
| 2.0 | Reading Comprehension              | 5.0 | Thinking Skills                            |
| 2.1 | Cause/Effect; Inferences           | 5.1 | Generate Ideas                             |
| 2.2 | Draw Conclusions                   | 5.2 | Organize Information                       |
| 2.3 | Story Elements                     | 5.3 | Gather Information                         |
| 3.0 | Extend Meaning                     | 5.4 | Analyze Information                        |
| 3.1 | Predict                            | 5.5 | Evaluating Outcomes                        |
| 3.2 | Application to Other<br>Situations | 5.6 | Synthesize Elements                        |
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Number of questions: 42

Number of pages: 13

Approximate testing time: 50 minutes

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## TERRA NOVA PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 3

*Directions: Read this poem called Birthday Secret. Use it to answer Numbers 1 through 6.*

### BIRTHDAY SECRET

Today is my day, my birthday  
And I have a secret  
Today there will be a party for me  
I'll blow out the candles on the cake  
With one breath  
My friends and family will give me gifts  
Wrapped in bright paper and bows  
I will open each one quickly,  
Excited to find out what new things  
They have given me.  
And when the last gift is opened  
I will share my secret with everyone  
You see, I know that it is better to give than to receive  
So I have decided to give each friend  
A small present and some candy.  
This year, I am giving gifts at my birthday party!

1. What is the author of this poem thinking about?

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| <input type="radio"/> his mom's birthday    | <input type="radio"/> his birthday surprise  |
| <input type="radio"/> his friend's birthday | <input type="radio"/> his brother's birthday |
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2. What is special about this day?

- He has a big cake with lots of candles.
  - He has a surprise for the ones who come to his party.
  - He is getting a new bicycle.
  - He is having a surprise party.
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3. Why is the author feeling so good about his birthday secret?

- He knows that everyone will be surprised.
  - He thinks that he is getting a new computer.
  - He expects to get money for his birthday.
  - All of his presents are big.
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