

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR

PRACTICE TEST, READING, GRADE 5

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

Skills

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| 1.0 | Literal Meaning | 4.0 | Reading Strategies |
| 1.1 | Vocabulary | 4.1 | Using Pictures/Graphs/Text Information |
| 1.2 | Stated Information | 4.2 | Summarize/Compare Information |
| 1.3 | Sequence of Events | 5.0 | Thinking Skills |
| 2.0 | Reading Comprehension | 5.1 | Generate Ideas |
| 2.1 | Main Idea | 5.2 | Organize Information |
| 2.2 | Cause/Effect; Inferences | 5.3 | Gather Information |
| 2.3 | Draw Conclusions | 5.4 | Analyze Information |
| 2.4 | Story Elements | 5.5 | Evaluating Outcomes |
| 3.0 | Extend Meaning | 5.6 | Synthesize Elements |
| 3.1 | Predict | | |
| 3.2 | Application to Other Situations | | |
| 3.3 | Distinguish Between Fact/Opinion, Reality/Fantasy | | |
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Number of questions: 46

Number of pages: 17

Approximate testing time: 60 minutes

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Terra Nova PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 5

Directions: Read this story called The Accident. Use it to answer Numbers 1 through 5.

THE ACCIDENT

It was a cold, but clear, winter day when Brad and his father left for the drive to Sigurd. Brad's Grandpa Vern had called the night before to ask for Brad's help. His grandfather was a farmer who lived in a small rural community. On his farm he grew corn and hay and raised cattle. During the winter, the cattle were brought off the open range, where they spent the summer grazing, and penned in corrals where they would be fed through the winter months. Brad's grandfather explained that some of the corrals were broken and in need of repair. The corrals were made of pine poles and fixing them would require a trip into the nearby mountains. Brad and his grandfather would cut down pine trees of the right height and thickness, strip off the branches, and haul the poles out of the mountain on a trailer pulled by his grandfather's truck.

It was almost 10 a.m. when Brad and his father arrived at his grandpa's house. They had driven a little over 100 miles. Brad's father had to go to a nearby town on business, so after visiting for moment, he left.

After packing sack lunches of ham sandwiches, potato chips, and popcorn balls for dessert, Brad and Grandpa Vern hitched the flatbed trailer to the truck and left on the hour and half journey to the top of Strawberry Mountain, where the straightest pine trees grew.

The truck strained to pull the trailer up the steep mountain inclines. The road twisted and turned and as they reached higher elevations, they found snow on the ground. Finally, Grandpa Vern pulled the truck to the side of the road near a huge stand of tall pines. They had arrived.

They worked until dusk, using two-man saws with huge teeth to saw the giant pines. When they had a tree on the ground, they used hatchets to strip off the many branches. When they finally had 40 poles loaded onto the trailer, it was time to go home. Both Brad and Grandpa Vern were covered in sticky pine sap and dirt, but they felt good for a job well done.

It happened on the way home. After carefully turning the truck around, they headed down the mountain. The winter sun was dimming but it was not dark yet. Brad, who was tired from all the work, began to nod off.

He was abruptly awakened when the truck began to shake violently. Turning to look behind the truck, Brad could see that the trailer was swinging to the right and left. The pine poles were unbalanced and going down the mountainside, the trailer might tip over.

Grandpa Vern pressed on the brakes to try to slow the truck, and that's when it happened. The trailer, in one violent swing, overturned. And because it was hitched to the truck, the truck also rolled.

The next thing Brad knew, the truck was on its side and Brad was standing inside on the door. Grandpa Vern was gone. Brad called out his name, once, then twice, before he heard a response. The small voice came from below. Suddenly Brad realized he was standing on his grandpa, who was covered with dust and tools from the open tool box.

Climbing onto the door handle, Brad moved and helped Grandpa Vern to his feet. There was a little blood from a small cut on his cheek, but other than that, they were both okay. The only way to get out was through the door above their heads. Together, they pushed it open and climbed out.

Someone in another car had gone to call the police, who arrived about five minutes later. The truck wasn't driveable, so after deciding to leave the truck, trailer, and poles until there was light the next morning, a police officer drove Brad and his Grandpa down off the mountain and home.

1. Which of these tells the main idea of this story?
- A. Brad likes to visit his grandfather.
 - B. Brad's grandfather lives on a farm.
 - C. Brad went to help his grandfather, and they had an accident in the truck.
 - D. Grandpa Vern went up in the mountains.
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2. He was abruptly awakened when the truck began to shake violently. Find the word that means the same thing as abruptly.
- A. suddenly B. fast C. jolted D. angrily
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3. Why did Brad's grandpa need pine poles?
- A. To build a fence.
 - B. To repair the corral fence.
 - C. To build a house.
 - D. To repair his house.
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4. What probably caused the truck and the trailer to overturn?
- A. The poles were too heavy.
 - B. The poles were too long.
 - C. The poles shifted.
 - D. Grandpa Vern wasn't a good driver.
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5. When Brad finally found his grandpa and discovered that he was alright, he probably felt
- A. relieved B. angry C. confused D. excited
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