

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST, LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 5**

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

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 | Sentence Structure   | 3.0 | Editing Skills       |
| 1.1 | Writing Conventions  | 3.1 | Capitalization       |
| 1.2 | Combining Sentences  | 4.0 | Thinking Skills      |
| 2.0 | Writing Strategies   | 4.1 | Organize Information |
| 2.1 | Pre-Writing Techniques   | 4.2 | Analyze Information  |
| 2.2 | Topic Sentences/Concluding Sentences/Connective and Transitional Words and Phrases, etc. | 4.3 | Evaluate Outcomes    |
|     |  | 4.4 | Synthesize Elements  |
|     |  | 4.5 | Gather Information   |
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# Terra Nova PRACTICE TEST IN LANGUAGE ARTS - GRADE 5

Directions: Read this paragraph and choose the correct answer for Numbers 1 through 4.

(1) Since the Middle Ages, lemons seem to have had many uses in the kitchen. (2) Originally from the middle East, the modern lemon is probably a mix of the lime and citron fruits. (3) Limes are green fruits. (4) Lemons are grown on trees that reach 20 feet in height and develop pink and white flowers which have a sweet odor.

1. Which is the best way to write sentence 1?

- A. Since the Middle Ages, lemons have many uses in kitchen.
  - B. Since the Middle Ages, lemons have had many uses in the kitchen.
  - C. Since the Middle Ages, Lemons, seem to have gotten many uses in the kitchen.
  - D. Correct as it is written.
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2. Which is the best way to write sentence 2?

- A. Originally from the middle east, the modern lemon is probably a mix of the lime and citron fruits.
  - B. Originally from the Middle east, the modern lemon is probably a mix of the lime and citron fruits.
  - C. Originally from the Middle East, the modern lemon is probably a mix from the lime and the citron fruits.
  - D. Correct as it is written.
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3. Which sentence does not belong in the paragraph?

- A. sentence 1      B. sentence 2      C. sentence 3      D. sentence 4
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4. Which sentence best supports this topic sentence?

Lemons have many uses in today's kitchens.

- A. Lemons are small yellow fruits.
  - B. Lemons make great pies.
  - C. Lemons can be used to cook with and also to clean with.
  - D. Lemons grow on lemon trees.
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