

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR

PRACTICE TEST, LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 6

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

Skills

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| 1.0 | Sentence Structure | 3.0 | Editing Skills |
| 1.1 | Writing Conventions | 3.1 | Using Parts of Speech |
| 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 |
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Number of questions: 30

Number of pages: 12

Approximate testing time: 40 minutes

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Terra Nova PRACTICE TEST IN LANGUAGE ARTS - GRADE 6

Directions: Read the paragraph to answer Numbers 1 through 3.

(1)Jumbo the elephant is one of the most famous animals that ever lived. (2)He was the biggest elephant. (3)He was the proudest possession of the British Crown. (4)He was shipped to a zoo in April in the United States for a visit in 1882. (5)He was an instant success. (6)PT Barnum had heard of this giant and the great crowds he attracted. (7)Barnum decided that he would like to have Jumbo in his circus. (8)He thought of a way to get him. (9)Barnum knew that elephants in captivity have periodic fits of violence. (10)Lions were always the crowd favorite at the circus. (11)He waited for Jumbo to have such a fit. (12)When it had happened, he ask the zoo to sell him the elephant. (13)Jumbo was sold to Barnum, who paid on the spot.

1. Which is the best way to rewrite sentence 4?

- A. In April he was shipped to a zoo in the United States for a visit in 1882.
 - B. In April of 1882, he was shipped to a zoo in the United States for a visit.
 - C. For a visit in 1882, April, he was shipped to a zoo in the United States.
 - D. To a zoo in the United States, he was shipped in April 1882 for a visit.
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2. How are sentences 2 and 3 best combined?

- A. He was the biggest elephant and the proudest possession of the British Crown.
 - B. The biggest and proudest possession of the British Crown, he was.
 - C. He was the biggest and proudest elephant and possession of the British Crown.
 - D. He the biggest elephant, the proudest possession of the British Crown.
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3. Which is the best way to write sentence 12?

- A. When it happened, he asks the zoo to sell to him the elephant.
 - B. When it happened, he asked the zoo to sell him the elephant.
 - C. When it had happened. He asked the zoo to sell him the elephant.
 - D. Correct as is
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