

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR
PRACTICE TEST, LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 7
(Test items developed for skills measured in Terra Nova*)

Skills

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| 1.0 | Sentence Structure | 3.0 | Editing Skills |
| 1.1 | Writing Conventions | 3.1 | Parts of Speech |
| 1.2 | Combining Sentences | | |
| 2.0 | Writing Strategies | 4.0 | Thinking Skills |
| 2.1 | Pre-writing Techniques | 4.1 | Organize Information |
| 2.2 | Topic Sentences/Concluding Sentences/Connective and Transitional Words and Phrases, etc. | 4.2 | Analyze Information |
| | | 4.3 | Evaluate Outcomes |
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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 7

1. Choose the best way to combine these two sentences.

Lisa Bennigan spoke to the audience.
She spoke with great confidence.

- A. Lisa Bennigan spoke with great confidence to the audience.
 - B. With great confidence, to the audience Lisa Bennigan spoke.
 - C. Lisa Bennigan spoke to the audience and with great confidence.
 - D. To the audience with great confidence, Lisa Bennigan spoke.
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Directions: Read the paragraph below to answer Number 2.

Communication is essential to prairie dog survival. These animals live in underground tunnels or burrows. A prairie dog spotting an approaching enemy gives a warning cry, which sends all other prairie dogs instantly scurrying to their burrows. An all-clear call later announces that the enemy has gone, and the danger has passed.

2. What is the best way to write the last sentence in this paragraph?
- A. The enemy has gone, and the danger had passed when announced by an all-clear call.
 - B. An all-clear call announces when the enemy has gone and when the danger had passed.
 - C. The danger and enemy has gone when an all-clear call is announced.
 - D. As it is written
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