

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 4

(Test items developed for skills measured in CAT-5*)

Skills

- 1.0 Vocabulary
 - 1.1 Demonstrating Understanding of Word Meanings and Relationships by Identifying Category Words, Definitions, Synonyms, or Antonyms
 - 1.2 Identifying the Correct Spelling of Consonant Sounds in Words Presented in the Context of Sentences and Phrases
 - 1.3 Identifying the Correct Spelling of Structural Units in Words Presented in the Context of Sentences and Phrases
- 2.0 Language Mechanics
 - 2.1 Identifying the Appropriate Use of Capitalization and Punctuation in Sentences, Phrases, and Clauses
 - 2.2 Identifying the Appropriate Use of Capitalization and Punctuation with Quotations and Dialogue
 - 2.3 Identifying the Appropriate Use of Capitalization and Punctuation with Proper Nouns, Titles, Contractions, Possessive Nouns, and Pronouns
 - 2.4 Demonstrating the Ability to Edit Paragraphs and Letters for Appropriate Use of Capitalization and Punctuation
- 3.0 Language Expression
 - 3.1 Identifying the Appropriate Use of Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adjectives, and Adverbs Within the Context of Sentences
 - 3.2 Distinguishing Complete Sentences from Fragments and Run-ons, and Identifying the Simple Subject and Predicate in Sentences
 - 3.3 Identifying Combined Sentences which are the Clearest, Most Concise, and Best Examples of Effective Writing
 - 3.4 Identifying Sentences that Best Complete Stories, that Most Appropriately Act as Topic Sentences, and that Most Effectively Develop Topic Sentences in Paragraphs
 - 3.5 Identifying Appropriate Sentence Sequence, Appropriate Use of Connective and Transitional Devices, and Sentences that Detract from the Cohesion and Coherence of a Paragraph
- 4.0 Study Skills
 - 4.1 Locating and Using Information from the Various Parts of Books, Including the Table of Contents, Index, and Glossary
 - 4.2 Obtaining Information from Dictionaries Entries and by Using Alphabetizing Skills with Guide Words
 - 4.3 Locating and Using Information from Library Reference Sources, Including Catalog Cards, Reference Materials, and Periodical and Encyclopedia Indexes
 - 4.4 Obtaining or Interpreting Information from Documents and Graphics, Including Maps, Diagrams, Tables, Charts, Graphs, Forms, and Consumer Materials
 - 4.5 Organizing and Summarizing Information by Using Outlining and Note-Taking Skills, and Demonstrating Knowledge of Research Paper Development and Format
 - 4.6 Analyzing, Evaluating, and Integrating, Information Found in Various Sources

