

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS*

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**PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 3**

(Test items developed for skills measured in CRCT)

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 Vocabulary                                     | 4.0 Reading for Critical Analysis                      |
| 1.1 Word Recognition                               | 4.1 Reading  |
| 1.2 Vocabulary Skills                              | Elements/Styles/Techniques                             |
| 1.3 Analyzes Meaning of Words and Phrases          | 4.2 Reality/Fantasy                                    |
| 2.0 Locating and Recalling Information             | 4.3 Predicts Plot/Characters' Actions                  |
| 2.1 Recalls Data                                   | 4.4 Underlying Theme and Concepts                      |
| 2.2 Follows Directions                             | 4.5 Cultural Experiences and Differences               |
| 2.3 Recognizes Important and Supporting Details    | 4.6 Fact/Opinion                                       |
| 3.0 Reading Comprehension                          | 4.7 Similarities and Differences in Characters or Text |
| 3.1 Underlying Themes and Concepts                 | 4.8 Draw Conclusions and Make Inferences               |
| 3.2 Recognizes Literary Forms and Purposes of Text |  |
| 3.3 Character Analysis                             |  |
| 3.4 Sequence of Events                             |  |
| 3.5 Structure of Information                       |  |
| 3.6 Overall Stated Theme                           |  |
| 3.7 Main Idea and Details                          |  |
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# CRCT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 3 - FORM A

## John in the Kitchen

John liked to cook for his family. He liked to experiment with new recipes. One day he mixed two cups of flour, a teaspoon of baking powder, and a little salt. He sifted them in a big bowl.

Next, he got three-fourths cup each of butter, white sugar, and brown sugar. He put them in another bowl. Then he beat in an egg and three tablespoons of milk. He mixed everything together.

Last, he put in a cup of chopped nuts and a cup of chocolate bits. He stirred the mixture until it was smooth.

Then John heated the oven to 375 degrees. He rubbed butter onto a flat baking pan. He scooped out little balls of his mixture and dropped them onto the baking pan. He put the pan in the oven for 15 minutes. Then he took it out and let it cool.

1. What was most likely the result of John's mixture?
  - A. cake
  - B. cookies
  - C. brownies
  - D. bread
2. This selection can best be described as a
  - A. poem
  - B. letter
  - C. story
  - D. folk tale

Dear Diary,

Today was an unusual day. I was all set to go outside to play when Mom told me that she needed me to help her in the house. I was a little upset because she knows I don't like housework. Then I found out that she wanted me to help her clean out the attic. "Oh boy, how boring," I thought.

At the top of the stairs the door creaked loudly as my mom pulled it open. Even after mom turned the light on, it was still kind of dark and creepy in there because there were no windows. I had to squint to see the back of the room. There were boxes piled every-

where. On one side of the room was a stack of old mattresses and a couple of old chairs. In another corner there was an old baby crib. Mom said it used to be mine.

Mom dusted off one of the chairs and then sat down on it. She opened one of the old cardboard boxes and began to sort through it. She removed old shoes, old papers, and even some dirty stuffed animals that were mine when I was younger. I got a trash bag and began putting the things that we didn't need into it. Each time Mom would empty a box, I would bring her another one.

After about an hour, I helped Mom drag an old wooden trunk out from one especially dusty corner of the attic. We pulled it in front of her chair and opened it. Mom was really surprised and even said, "Oh my goodness! These are my old clothes from when I was in high school and college." She pulled out shirts and pants like I had never seen before. Some of the pants had huge bell-bottoms. She told me that those pants were very popular when she was in school. She couldn't believe that she ever wore anything like them. The box also had skirts and dresses in it that were made of bright colors and funny patterns.

At the bottom of the chest, along with a small flower vase and some mismatched pairs of shoes, was a small box. It contained some old pictures of my mom and her friends. I was so excited that I could hardly wait to see them. We looked at the pictures together. My mom really looked funny. I even found pictures of her wearing some of the dresses that we had found in that old trunk.

Suddenly I had an idea. Going over to my friends' house didn't seem as important to me as it had earlier. Instead, I asked Mom if my friends could come over to play with these old clothes. She quickly agreed, and I raced downstairs to call my friends.

3. Who wrote this diary entry?
  - A. a mother
  - B. a teacher
  - C. a grandmother
  - D. a girl