

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 3 - FORM B

(Test items developed for skills measured in CRCT)

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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THE SURPRISE IN THE ATTIC

Lucy wanted to play outside. But her mother said that she had to stay inside and help clean before she could go out to play. "I want to work on cleaning the attic this morning," said Lucy's mom. "And I could really use your help."

The attic door creaked as Lucy's mother pulled it open. Even after they turned on the light, it was still kind of dark in the attic because there were no windows. Lucy had to squint to see the back of the room. There were boxes piled everywhere. One side of the room had an old mattress and there were a couple of old chairs. In one corner there was even a baby crib.

Lucy's mother dusted off one of the chairs and then sat down in it. She opened one of the old cardboard boxes and started to sort through it. She pulled out old papers, old shoes, even some dirty stuffed animals that Lucy had played with when she was younger. Lucy helped her mother by bringing her boxes and filling trash sacks with things they didn't need to keep anymore.

After about an hour Lucy helped her mother drag an old wooden chest from one corner of the room. Putting it in front of the chair, they opened it up.

"Oh yuck!" exclaimed Lucy's mother. "These are my old clothes from when I was in high school and college." She started to pull out shirts and pants like Lucy had never seen before. Some of the pants had huge bottoms. "These were very popular," Lucy's mother explained. "I can't believe I ever wore these." There were skirts and dresses in the box made of funny colors and patterns.

At the bottom of the chest, along with an old flower vase and some pairs of shoes, was a small box. "I had forgotten all about this box," said Lucy's mother. "These are some old pictures of me and my friends."

"I want to see," said Lucy.

Together they looked at the photos. "I look so funny," said Lucy's mother. They laughed together.

"Look, Mom," said Lucy, holding up one of the old dresses from the chest. "This is the same dress that you are wearing in that picture."

"It sure is," said Lucy's mom.

Suddenly Lucy had an idea. "Mom, I don't want to play outside with my friends anymore," she said. "Instead, I want to invite my friends over to play dress up with these clothes. That would be fun. Can we?"

As soon as her mother agreed, Lucy ran downstairs to use the phone.

1. We can tell from this story that Lucy is about to call
 - A. her dad at work
 - B. her friends
 - C. her grandmother
 - D. her teachers
2. Which type of story is this closest to?
 - A. fantasy
 - B. multi-cultural
 - C. realistic fiction
 - D. biography
3. How do Lucy's feelings about the attic change from the beginning of the story to the end of the story?
 - A. They don't change.
 - B. She still wishes that she didn't have to help her mom clean it out.
 - C. She likes the attic at the beginning and hates it at the end.
 - D. She is glad that she helped her mom and found old things.
4. Which of these do you get from the title of this story?
 - A. plot
 - B. characters
 - C. setting
 - D. author
5. Lucy and her friends could play dress up because
 - A. they all had old clothes
 - B. Lucy and her mom found some old clothes
 - C. they all had new clothes
 - D. they wanted to have their pictures made
6. What kind of place was the attic?
 - A. dark and dusty
 - B. hot and stuffy
 - C. cold and sunny
 - D. happy and bright