

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 6

(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/Word Attack | 4.1 Reading Elements/Styles/
Techniques |
| 1.2 Applies Word Recognition
Strategies | 4.2 Author's Intent (Mood, Tone,
etc.) |
| 1.3 Context Clues | 4.3 Predicts Plot/Characters'
Actions |
| 1.4 Analyzes Meaning of Words and
Phrases | 4.4 Main Idea; Underlying Theme
and Concepts |
| 2.0 Locating and Recalling
Information | 4.5 Cultural Experiences and
Differences |
| 2.1 Recalls Data | 4.6 Fact/Fiction |
| 2.2 Applies/Evaluates Information | 4.7 Similarities and Differences
in Characters or Text |
| 2.3 Relevancy of Data | 4.8 Draws Conclusions |
| 2.4 Recognizes Important and
Supporting Details | |
| 3.0 Reading Comprehension | |
| 3.1 Underlying Themes and Concepts | |
| 3.2 Recognizes Literary Forms and
Purposes of Text | |
| 3.3 Common Elements of Poetry | |
| 3.4 Sequence of Events | |
| 3.5 Structure of Information | |
| 3.6 Story Development/Literary
Elements | |
| 3.7 Main Idea and Details | |
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CRCT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 6 - FORM A

CRACKS, CREVICES, AND CRANNIES

Some household pests have an amazing ability to escape extinction. Cockroaches for example, which have been on earth millions of years longer than man, can live on any kind of food. They thrive in all parts of the world. Some types of cockroaches prefer man's home to other habitats. Once they enter it, they use many instinctive tricks to keep from being found.

Systematic housecleaning can help control household pests. A home can be free of practically all pests by a combination of continuous good housekeeping and the proper use of the right pesticide at the right time.

It is easier to prevent pests from infesting a home than it is to get rid of them after they are in. Household pests seek available food and places where they may hide and breed. If these attractions are eliminated, the pests will look elsewhere for them.

Many household pests live on spilled food and organic matter that has not been completely cleaned up. They breed, multiply, and hide in small areas where food is left available to them. Such places might be in cracks and crevices in cupboards, walls, and floors. They hide in seldom-used storage cabinets, behind washtubs, and around water pipes and toilets.

Frequent scrubbing with hot water and soap or detergent will keep these places clean.

Garbage, bits of food, crumbs, scraps of fabrics, lint, and other waste materials that pests may eat or in which they may breed must be promptly discarded.

All foods must be kept in tightly closed containers which are as clean outside as they are inside. Before purchasing dry food, one should examine the packages carefully for evidence of breaks and insect infestation.

Cockroaches and silverfish often enter the house in the crevices of paper bags used in transporting groceries or other materials. These containers should not be left in the kitchen or basement where the pests may escape.

Places where pests may enter should be sealed. The openings and cracks

around wash basins, toilet bowls, water pipes, drain pipes, and the radiator pipes must be caulked. Cracks around baseboards and between floorboards should be filled in, and openings where rats or mice may enter should be covered. Windows and doors should be tight-fitting.

Pest prevention measures should be practiced at all times. Application of a pesticide may be needed to supplement good housekeeping. The directions on the pesticide label must be followed carefully.

1. Which of these would be most important in the fight against insects?
 - A. keeping all the doors and windows fastened tightly
 - B. keeping all counters clean and all openings and cracks sealed
 - C. using plastic sacks rather than paper
 - D. rare application of pesticides
2. According to this selection, why would it be a good idea to put paper sacks in the outside garbage rather than storing them in your house?
 - A. Many insects enter your house through crevices of paper sacks.
 - B. Insects will not nest in paper sacks.
 - C. Paper is highly flammable and is likely to burn quickly.
 - D. Paper sacks are not as valuable as plastic sacks.
3. Which of these is NOT a place that household pests often hide?
 - A. seldom used storage cabinets
 - B. behind washtubs
 - C. around water pipes
 - D. in bushes