

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 7

(Test items developed for skills measured in CRCT)

Skills

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| 1.0 Vocabulary | 3.0 Reading Comprehension |
| 1.1 Word Recognition/Word Attack | 3.1 Underlying Themes and Concepts |
| 1.2 Applies Word Recognition Strategies | 3.2 Recognizes Literary Forms and Purposes of Text |
| 1.3 Context Clues | 3.3 Sequence of Events |
| 1.4 Analyzes Meaning of Words and Phrases | 3.4 Structure of Information |
| 2.0 Locating and Recalling Information | 3.5 Overall Stated Theme |
| 2.1 Recalls Data | 3.6 Main Idea and Details |
| 2.2 Applies/Evaluates Information | 4.0 Reading for Critical Analysis |
| 2.3 Relevancy of Data | 4.1 Reading Elements/Styles/Techniques |
| 2.4 Recognizes Important and Supporting Details | 4.2 Author's Intent |
| | 4.3 Predicts Plot/Characters' Actions |
| | 4.4 Underlying Theme and Concepts |
| | 4.5 Cultural Experiences and Differences |
| | 4.6 Fact/Opinion |
| | 4.7 Similarities and Differences in Characters or Text |
| | 4.8 Draws Conclusions |
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CRCT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 7 - FORM A

THE POTATO

The potato was first discovered by the Incas in South America in the cool Andes Mountains of Peru. The potato belongs to the nightshade family, but its history is sometimes confused. The name comes from a Spanish word for the "sweet potato," which belongs to a different family of plants. Both vegetables are sometimes confused with the yam, which came from West Africa.

It is believed that in the 16th century, Spanish explorers brought the potato back from Peru to Spain. From Spain, it spread throughout Europe. Europeans introduced the potato to North America early in the 17th century.

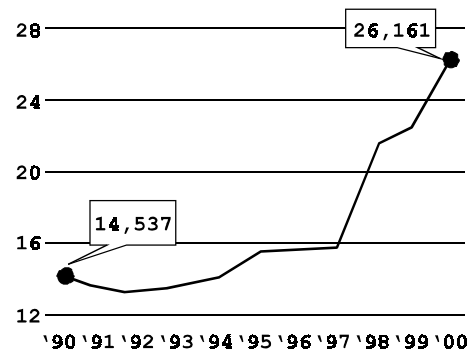
The potato was first developed as a large-scale crop in the British Isles. During the 18th century, it became the major food of Ireland. Ireland needed the potato so much that when the crop failed in 1845-46, many people had to leave the country because they had nothing to eat.

With its high carbohydrate content, the potato is an important food of Western peoples. It grows best in cool, wet places. Today, Germany, Russia, and Poland are the largest potato producers in Europe. Idaho and Maine are major potato-growing states in this country. They are also working on special potato varieties for Hong Kong and the Philippines. An American fast-food company has set up shop in both places, and it has to import potatoes from other countries. If potatoes could be grown locally, both the company and local farmers would be happy.

1. The potato was first discovered in
- A. West Africa
 - B. Europe
 - C. Peru
 - D. Idaho

2. How did the potato cause many people of Ireland to leave their country in 1845-46?
- A. The potato crop, their major food source, failed.
 - B. There were too many potatoes in Ireland.
 - C. More space was needed for the growing of potatoes.
 - D. The people planned to plant potatoes in other countries.
3. The best reason to grow potatoes in Hong Kong and the Philippines is because
- A. their people would enjoy fries
 - B. fast-food companies there have to import their potatoes
 - C. Hong Kong and the Philippines need more farmers
 - D. potatoes have low carbohydrate content
4. According to the passage, why are potatoes so important to Western peoples?
- A. They are delicious.
 - B. They are inexpensive.
 - C. They have healing qualities.
 - D. They are high in carbohydrates.

Motorcycle Registrations



5. In which years did motorcycle registrations basically stay the same?
- A. 1990, 1991, and 1992
 - B. 1995, 1996, and 1997
 - C. 1994, 1995, and 1996
 - D. 1998, 1999, and 2000