

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 3**

*(Test items developed for skills measured in GA03)*

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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 Elements/Styles/<br>Techniques                |
| 1.2 Vocabulary Skill                                  | 4.2 Reality/Fantasy                                       |
| 1.3 Analyzes Meaning of Words and<br>Phrases          | 4.3 Predicts Plot/Characters'<br>Actions                  |
| 2.0 Locating and Recalling<br>Information             | 4.4 Cultural Experiences and<br>Differences               |
| 2.1 Recalls Data                                      | 4.5 Fact/Opinion  |
| 2.2 Follows Directions                                | 4.6 Similarities and Differences<br>in Characters of Text |
| 2.3 Recognizes Important and<br>Supporting Details    | 4.7 Draws Conclusions and Make<br>Inferences              |
| 3.0 Reading Comprehension                             |   |
| 3.1 Underlying Themes and<br>Concepts                 |   |
| 3.2 Recognizes Literary Forms and<br>Purposes of Text |   |
| 3.3 Character Analysis                                |   |
| 3.4 Sequences of Events                               |   |
| 3.5 Structure of Information                          |   |
| 3.6 Overall Stated Themes                             |   |
| 3.7 Main Idea and Details                             |   |

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GA03 PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 3  
FORM A

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Preparing for a Tornado

Where should I go if a tornado is spotted near my town? This is a question that many of us may ask when we see a dark cloud forming. There are a few simple steps to follow that could ensure your safety or even save your life. The key to these steps is to complete them before the tornado season even begins this year.

Along with your other family members, you should first choose an area in your home as a shelter. A basement is the best choice for a shelter, but if your house has no basement, use an inner hallway or smaller inner room such as a bathroom or a closet. Remember to stay clear of rooms with windows because the glass can shatter and cause injury.

Collect at least one flashlight and a portable, battery-operated radio with extra batteries for each. Place these items in the room you have chosen as a shelter. These will come in handy if the electricity is out.

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| <p>1. This passage says "A <u>basement</u> is the best choice for a shelter." Which of these best explains about a <i>basement</i>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. A basement has lots of windows.</li><li>B. A basement is an underground room without any windows.</li><li>C. A basement is a room at the back of the house.</li><li>D. A basement is in the top of the house.</li></ul> | <p>2. What did this passage tell you that you need to go with the flashlight and the radio?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. an extension cord</li><li>B. a blanket</li><li>C. a light bulb</li><li>D. extra batteries</li></ul> |
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