

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 8

(Test items developed for skills measured in ITBS)*

Skills

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| 1.0 Spelling | 5.0 Expression |
| 1.1 Common Substitutions | 5.1 Conciseness/Clarity |
| 1.2 Reversals | 5.2 Appropriateness of Expression |
| 1.3 Omissions | 5.3 Organization of Sentence and Paragraph Elements |
| 1.4 Unnecessary Additions | |
| 2.0 Capitalization | 6.0 Using Reference Materials |
| 2.1 Names and Titles | 6.1 Dictionary |
| 2.2 Dates and Holidays | 6.2 Encyclopedia/Atlas/Almanac/Thesaurus |
| 2.3 Places | 6.3 Key Words |
| 2.4 Organizations | 6.4 Index |
| 2.5 Other | 6.5 Readers Guide |
| 3.0 Punctuation | 6.6 Dewey Decimal System |
| 3.1 Terminal Punctuation | |
| 3.2 Commas | |
| 3.3 Apostrophes | |
| 3.4 Quotations Marks | |
| 3.5 Abbreviations | |
| 4.0 Usage | |
| 4.1 Verbs | |
| 4.2 Personal Pronouns | |
| 4.3 Modifiers | |
| 4.4 Word Choice | |

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Directions: In each of the following groups of four words, one word is incorrectly spelled. Choose the incorrectly spelled word.

1. A. motion B. fracsure C. feature D. preserve

2. A. cristal B. enable C. generous D. forest

3. A. peace B. hazard C. advice D. adgust

4. A. holiday B. virtue C. teror D. truce

5. A. tisue B. sculptor C. fuse D. salute

6. A. rescue B. parashute C. rhyme D. argue

7. A. plaza B. mustang C. moskito D. fiesta

8. A. korrall B. brief C. mischief D. canoe

9. A. lawyer B. seiling C. photo D. fulfill

10. A. soldjier B. rumble C. squeal D. access

11. A. occasion B. recieve C. vacuum D. immense

12. A. boycott B. tidel C. legal D. failure