

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 6

(Test items developed for skills measured in OCCT)

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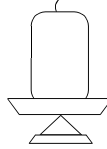
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OCCT PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 6
FORM A

Read the following. Then answer the questions.

TRACY'S MEMENTO



- 1 Tracy was a student in Mrs. Clark's class who was on a field trip to visit Newman's Candles, a local factory that made candles and sold them all over the United States. When they arrived at the factory, Tracy and her class were introduced to Sally Green, an employee of Newman's Candles who would lead the class on a tour of the factory building and explain to the students how candles are made.
- 2 First, Mrs. Green showed the class the "wax warehouse." The warehouse was a big room with a cement floor where small tractors made big piles of wax as they unloaded it off of delivery trucks.
- 3 "Newman's Candles uses only the best wax to make its candles," explained Mrs. Green to the class. "Today, as you can see, we are receiving a shipment of real beeswax, which we will use to make into Rolled Beeswax Candles."
- 4 Tracy looked around her at the piles of wax. They were all brown and didn't look anything like the colorful wax candles her mother had at home.
- 5 Mrs. Green took the class from room to room, where they got to watch the wax being washed and dried and separated to be used for different kinds of candles. Mrs. Green stopped in front of one door in particular. "Before we go into this room, you need to know that it is going to be warmer than any other room. That is because this is the room where the wax is melted before it is shaped. We use hot water and steam to melt all the wax. We will be walking on a catwalk above the vats of wax so that we can look down at them. Everyone please hold on to the handrail as you walk."

1. Read this sentence from paragraph 1.

Tracy was a student in Mrs. Clark's class who was on a field trip to visit Newman's Candles, a local factory that made candles and sold them all over the United States.

What does the word field mean?

- A. chosen profession
- B. group of several choices
- C. large patch of earth
- D. real-world situation

2. Which word from the text suggests that the students were in a precarious viewing area?

- A. warehouse
- B. catwalk
- C. factory
- D. floor

3. Which is the setting of the story?

- A. the melting room
- B. the warehouse
- C. the candle factory
- D. the washing and drying room