

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 8

(Test items developed for skills measured in STANFORD10)

Skills

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|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 1.0 | Listening | 4.0 | Related Processes |
| 1.1 | Vocabulary | 4.1 | Understand Information |
| 1.2 | Recreational Reading | 4.2 | Interpret Writing |
| 1.3 | Informational Reading | 4.3 | Evaluate Information |
| 1.4 | Functional Reading | 4.4 | Listening Comprehension |
| 2.0 | Spelling | 5.0 | Thinking Skills |
| 2.1 | Homophones | 5.1 | Recreational Reading |
| 2.2 | Recognize Phonemes | 5.2 | Informational Reading |
| 2.3 | Misspelled Words | 5.3 | Functional Reading |
| 2.4 | Correctly Spelled Words | 5.4 | Interpret Writing |
| 3.0 | Language Mechanics | 5.5 | Evaluate Information |
| 3.1 | Capitalization | 5.6 | Listening Comprehension |
| 3.2 | Grammar | 5.7 | Prewriting |
| 3.3 | Punctuation | 5.8 | Editing |
| 3.4 | Sentence Structure | | |
| 3.5 | Prewriting | | |
| 3.6 | Editing | | |

Number of questions: 128
Number of pages: TE=13; SE=21
Approximate testing time: 110 minutes

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TEACHER DIRECTIONS - FORM A

Teacher says: Go to the directions at the top of page 1. Read them silently as I read them aloud. "DIRECTIONS: Listen carefully as I read each question. Then read along on the test as I read the answer choices. Choose the best answer and mark your answer sheet."

Look at Sample A. Listen to the sentence and four answer choices that I read. The burglar *lurked* behind the bushes. To *lurk* means to-- A hide... B crawl... C sit... D squat. Which word means the same as *lurked*?

Wait while students select an answer choice.

What answer choice did you choose? Yes. That's right. You should have chosen "A", hide.

The answer choices are written in your test booklet so you can follow along with me. I will read a sentence, and then I will read the answer choices to you while you read them to yourself. Choose the best answer and mark the space for your answer on your answer sheet. Do not write on your test. Any questions?

Read the question number before each question.

Teacher says: Look at number 1. The two basketball teams had been *adversaries* for many years. An *adversary* is a(n)-- A supporter... B opponent... C friend... D equal.

Look at number 2. After the teacher left, the room *erupted* into chatter. To *erupt* is to-- A explode... B collapse... C increase... D stumble.

Look at number 3. Since the boys grew up in the same neighborhood, they felt a strong *kinship* towards one another. *Kinship* means-- A dislike... B affection... C relationship... D irritation.

Look at number 4. The men decided to put their *petty* differences aside so they could work together. *Petty* means-- A important... B troublesome... C serious... D insignificant.

Look at number 5. As a *tribute* to the principal, the students presented a plaque to him. A *tribute* is a(n)-- A award... B honor... C prize... D symbol.

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FORM A

DIRECTIONS: Listen carefully as I read each question. Then read along on the test as I read the answer choices. Choose the best answer and mark your answer sheet.

SAMPLE A

- A. hide
- B. crawl
- C. sit
- D. squat

1.

- A. supporter
- B. opponent
- C. friend
- D. equal

2.

- A. explode
- B. collapse
- C. increase
- D. stumble

3.

- A. dislike
- B. affection
- C. relationship
- D. irritation

4.

- A. important
- B. troublesome
- C. serious
- D. insignificant

5.

- A. award
- B. honor
- C. prize
- D. symbol

6.

- A. briefly
- B. quickly
- C. suddenly
- D. timidly

7.

- A. frighten
- B. excite
- C. stop
- D. harm

8.

- A. irregular
- B. continuous
- C. annoying
- D. soothing

9.

- A. scowl
- B. smile
- C. wound
- D. bruise

10.

- A. whisper
- B. whine
- C. shout
- D. stutter