

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 8

(Test items developed for skills measured in Stanford9)*

Skills

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| 1.0 Listening Skills | 9.0 Information Skills |
| 1.1 Vocabulary | 9.1 Locating Information |
| 1.2 Recreational Reading | 9.2 Organizing Information |
| 1.3 Informational Reading | 10.0 Related Processes |
| 1.4 Functional Reading | 10.1 Prewriting |
| 2.0 Listening Comprehension | 11.0 Thinking Skills |
| 2.1 Understanding | 11.1 Recreational Reading |
| 2.2 Interpret Information | 11.2 Informational Reading |
| 2.3 Critical Analysis | 11.3 Functional Reading |
| 3.0 Spelling | 11.4 Interpret Information |
| 3.1 Homophones | 11.5 Critical Thinking |
| 3.2 Consonants | 11.6 Sentence Structure |
| 3.3 Vowels | 11.7 Content and Organization |
| 3.4 Inflectional Endings | 11.8 Composing |
| 3.5 Affixes | 11.9 Dictionary |
| 3.6 Sight Words | 11.10 General Reference |
| 4.0 Related Process | 11.11 Card Catalog |
| 4.1 Editing | 11.12 Locating Information |
| 5.0 Language Mechanics | 11.13 Organizing Information |
| 5.1 Capitalization | 11.14 Pre-writing |
| 5.2 Punctuation | 12.0 Using Information |
| 5.3 Usage | 12.1 Dictionary |
| 6.0 Language Expression | 12.2 General Reference |
| 6.1 Sentence Structure | 12.3 Card Catalog |
| 6.2 Content and Organization | 12.4 Locating Information |
| 7.0 Language Process | 12.5 Organizing Information |
| 7.1 Editing | 12.6 Pre-writing |
| 7.2 Composing | |
| 8.0 Library and Reference Skills | |
| 8.1 Dictionary | |
| 8.2 General Reference | |
| 8.3 Card Catalog | |

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TEACHER DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS: Listen carefully to each question that is read to you. Then listen and read along as I read the answer choices. Choose the best answer.

1. The captain was attempting to moor the large vessel. Moor means
A. sail B. fasten C. sink D. build

2. Teresa can mimic the singer's style. Mimic means
A. criticize B. enjoy C. imitate D. dislike

3. The police chief began an intensive search for the missing child. Intensive means
A. superficial C. aerial
B. half-hearted D. dedicated

4. Mary made a simple alteration to her pageant dress. Alteration means
A. change C. elaboration
B. execution D. explanation

5. Dr. Jones suggested a bland diet for my grandmother. Something that is bland is
A. weight-reducing C. fattening
B. mild D. nutritious

6. The fireworks produced a cascade of sparks. A cascade is
A. a shower C. an explosion
B. an eruption D. a ceremony

7. Jerry was suffering from chronic back pain. Chronic means
A. slight B. new C. severe D. constant

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