

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 8 - FORM B**

*(Test items developed for skills measured in Stanford9\*)*

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*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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Number of questions: 148

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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. Mark tried to deflect attention away from the spot on his shirt.  
Deflect means

- A. add                      B. divert                      C. attract                      D. rely
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2. The clique remained closed to new additions. Clique means

- A. room                      B. business                      C. group                      D. party
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3. The robber was brazen in his failure to wear a mask. Brazen means

- A. attempt                      B. concealed                      C. lucky                      D. bold
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4. Colleen's memory of the accident was fragmentary. Fragmentary means

- A. broken                      B. painful                      C. accurate                      D. vivid
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5. Gold is quite malleable. Malleable means

- A. valuable                      B. bendable                      C. beautiful                      D. shiny
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6. Ricky has an aversion to roller coasters. An aversion is a(n)

- A. fear                      B. attraction                      C. allergy                      D. fascination
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7. The vibrant decorations made the room very welcoming. Vibrant means

- A. tasteless                      B. cheerful                      C. expensive                      D. bright
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8. The entire meal proved to be inedible. Inedible means

- A. delicious                      B. bad                      C. nutritious                      D. expensive
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9. My sister is slovenly in her work habits. Slovenly means

- A. tidy                      B. efficient                      C. lazy                      D. zealous
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10. Rea's plans for her garden met with calamity. Calamity means

- A. success                      B. acceptance                      C. response                      D. disaster
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11. A. cooperation                      C. discouragement  
    B. resistance                      D. modern

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