

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 3**

*(Test items developed for skills measured in TAKS03)*

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 Understanding Text          | 3.0 Analyze Text              |
| 1.1 Reading/Word Identification | 3.1 Order of Important Events |
| 1.2 Vocabulary                  | 3.2 Forms of Texts            |
| 1.3 Reading Comprehension       | 3.3 Familiar Genres           |
| 2.0 Apply Knowledge             | 4.0 Reading Comprehension     |
| 2.1 Analyze Characters          | 4.1 Inferences                |
| 2.2 Setting                     | 4.2 Interpretations and       |
| 2.3 Story Problems or Plot      | Conclusions                   |

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TAKS03 PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 3  
FORM A

DIRECTIONS

Read each story. Then read the questions and choose the best answer. Mark the space for your answer.

THE SCIENCE FAIR

- 1 The children were packing up their things to leave when the teacher passed out a flyer.
- 2 "The science fair is coming," Mrs. Miller said. "Start thinking about an experiment or invention you might like to work on at home so you can enter."
- 3 Selena read the paper and smiled at her friend Lisa. "Want to come over and we can help each other get started?" she asked.
- 4 At Selena's house, the girls called Lisa's mom so she wouldn't worry. Then they sat down at the kitchen table with their science books.
- 5 "Let's try finding out what makes a hard-boiled egg float," Lisa said. She hopped up from her chair and opened the refrigerator to search for an egg.
- 6 Selena thought for a moment. "We can't use the stove unless an adult is with us, and mom is rocking my baby brother Joey. He's got a cold."

1. Why do the girls decide not to use a hard-boiled egg?

- (A) They don't like to eat hard-boiled eggs.
- (B) They cannot use the stove without an adult.
- (C) There were no eggs in the refrigerator.
- (D) Selena's mother told them to think of another idea.

2. What is the main problem in the story?

- (A) The girls cannot think of an experiment to do.
- (B) They are out of eggs and soap.
- (C) Selena's brother is always crying.
- (D) The girls could not get their clothes muddy.