

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 5

(Test items developed for skills measured in TAKS03)

Skills

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| 1.0 Understanding Text | 3.0 Analyze Text |
| 1.1 Word Meaning | 3.1 Cause and Effect/Chronology |
| 1.2 Main/Major Ideas | 3.2 Similarities/Differences |
| 1.3 Paraphrase/Summarize Text | 3.3 Internal Consistency/Logic |
| 2.0 Apply Knowledge | 3.4 Purpose of Text |
| 2.1 Analyze Characters/Chronology | 4.0 Reading Comprehension |
| 2.2 Story Plot/Setting/Problem
Resolution | 4.1 Inferences/Conclusions/
Generalizations |
| | 4.2 Fact and Opinion |
| | 4.3 Connect/Compare/Contrast |

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**TAKS03 PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 5
FORM A**

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

THE ACCIDENT



- 1 It was a cold, but clear, winter day when Brad and his father left for the drive to Sigurd. Brad's Grandpa Vern had called the night before to ask for Brad's help. His grandfather was a farmer who lived in a small rural community. On his farm he grew corn and hay and raised cattle. During the winter, the cattle were brought off the open range, where they spent the summer grazing, and penned in corrals where they would be fed through the winter months. Brad's grandfather explained that some of the corrals were broken and in need of repair. The corrals were made of pine poles and fixing them would require a trip into the nearby mountains. Brad and his grandfather would cut down pine trees of the right height and thickness, strip off the branches, and haul the poles out of the mountain on a trailer pulled by his grandfather's truck.
- 2 It was almost 10 a.m. when Brad and his father arrived at his grandpa's house. They had driven a little over 100 miles. Brad's father had to go to a nearby town on business, so after visiting for a moment, he left.
- 3 After packing sack lunches of ham sandwiches, potato chips, and popcorn balls for dessert, Brad and Grandpa Vern hitched the flatbed trailer to the truck and left on the hour and a half journey to the top of Strawberry Mountain, where the straightest pine trees grew.

1. Why did Brad's grandpa need pine poles?
- A. To build a fence
 - B. To repair the corral fence
 - C. To build a house
 - D. To repair his house
2. Which of these tells the main idea of the story?
- A. Brad likes to visit his grandfather.
 - B. Brad's grandfather lives on a farm.
 - C. Brad went to help his grandfather, and they had an accident in the truck.
 - D. Grandpa Vern went up in the mountains.

3. Why does Grandpa Vern make the call to Brad?
- A. He wants Brad and his father to come see his new corrals.
 - B. Grandpa Vern invites Brad to ride to the top of Strawberry Mountain with him.
 - C. Grandpa Vern calls to ask Brad to go on a picnic.
 - D. Grandpa Vern needs Brad to come help him with some handy work.