

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 7

(Test items developed for skills measured in TAKS03)

Skills

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| 1.0 | Understanding Text | 4.0 | Reading Comprehension |
| 1.1 | Vocabulary | 4.1 | Inferences/Conclusions |
| 1.2 | Reading Comprehension | 4.2 | Fact and Opinion |
| 2.0 | Apply Knowledge | 4.3 | Compare/Contrast |
| 2.1 | Analyze Characters | 4.4 | Style/Mood/Tone of Text |
| 2.2 | Setting/Plot | | |
| 2.3 | Interpret Literary Devices | | |
| 3.0 | Analyze Text | | |
| 3.1 | Order of Important Events | | |
| 3.2 | Forms of Text | | |
| 3.3 | Purposes of Text | | |
| 3.4 | Compare/Contrast | | |

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TAKS03 PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 7
FORM A

Read the passage and answer the questions which follow it.

Nick Makes a Speech



1 Nick was dressed in his best Sunday clothes - a new tie, charcoal grey suit, and the brand-new leather shoes that his mother had bought for him last week. Usually Nick hated to dress up, but today was worth it. Mr. Webster, Nick's debate coach, had explained to him that he would have a better chance with both the students and adults at tonight's meeting if he were dressed as if he meant business. "Dress like you are very serious about the meeting, and people will treat you seriously," said Mr. Webster. So Nick had even polished his shoes.

My notes about what I am reading

2 The meeting was to decide who would be the next mayor of the Youth City Council. Nick had decided to run because he wanted to start a newspaper recycling program in his community. He had thought that it might even be fun to be the mayor of the Youth City Council. He could go to meetings every month and make important decisions. He would be in charge of the Youth City Council dance, and he would get to decide which charities and volunteer organizations the Youth City Council should donate their time to help. Last year Nick had been a council member on the Youth City Council, and so he had a lot of experience. And when the council had asked for nominations for candidates to run for mayor, Nick's best friend Joey had nominated Nick without telling him. But Nick was glad that Joey had nominated him. He had decided that it would be fun to be mayor of the Youth City Council.

1. Which sentence is an opinion?

- A. Nick was dressed in his Sunday clothes.
- B. The meeting was to decide who would be the next mayor of the Youth City Council.
- C. Dressing properly always makes a candidate win.
- D. Nick had a year of experience as a council member.

2. Why was Nick dressed up in his best Sunday clothes?

- A. He was running for mayor of the Youth City Council and wanted to make a good impression.
- B. He felt more comfortable in them than in his everyday school clothes.
- C. He usually wore casual clothes, but he knew that these clothes would impress his girlfriend.
- D. He wore the same type of clothes that his best friend and campaign manager did.