

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 4

(Test items developed for skills measured in TAKS03)

Skills

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| 1.0 | Content and Organization | 3.0 | Language Usage |
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FORM A

DIRECTIONS

Read the introduction and the passage that follows. Then read each question and fill in the correct answer on your answer sheet.

Kaylee is in the fourth grade. She wrote this report about the koala for her science class. She wants you to help her revise and edit the report. Read Kaylee's report and think about the changes she should make. Then answer the questions that follow.

Koala Babies

(1) Koalas are tree dwellers and have a specialized diet consisting of leaves of eucalyptus trees. (2) Koalas are not bears. (3) Their babies are born while still in an undeveloped state. (4) Newborn koalas complete their development inside a pouch on the mother's stomach. (5) Would you like to hold a cuddly koala?

SAMPLE A

What change should be made in sentence 3, if any?

- A. Change *an* to *and*
- B. Change *there* to *their*
- C. Insert a comma after *born*
- D. Make no change

SAMPLE B

What is the BEST way to revise sentence 5?

- A. Holding a cuddly koala you would like.
- B. Cuddly koala would like you to hold.
- C. Would cuddly koala like to hold you?
- D. No revision is needed.