

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 3**

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

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 Understand Text             | 4.0 Research Process                |
| 1.1 Word Recognition            | 4.1 Writing Process                 |
| 1.2 Word Meaning                | 5.0 Mechanics/Usage/Grammar         |
| 2.0 Reading Skills              | 5.1 Spelling                        |
| 2.1 Text Forms                  | 5.2 Capitalization                  |
| 2.2 Story Elements              | 5.3 Punctuation                     |
| 2.3 Sequence of Events          | 5.4 Grammar/Usage                   |
| 2.4 Draw Conclusions/Inferences | 6.0 Thinking Skills - Comprehension |
| 2.5 Compare/Contrast            | 6.1 Reading Skills                  |
| 2.6 Summarize                   | 6.2 Analyze Text                    |
| 2.7 Main Idea/Story Topic       | 6.3 Research Process                |
| 3.0 Analyze Text                | 6.4 Mechanics/Usage/Grammar         |
| 3.1 Figurative Language         | 7.0 Thinking Skills - Analysis      |
| 3.2 Interpret Information       | 7.1 Reading Skills                  |
| 3.3 Make Predictions            | 7.2 Analyze Text                    |
| 3.4 Author's Purpose            | 8.0 Thinking Skills - Extended      |
| 3.5 Informational Resources     | Thinking                            |
|                                 | 8.1 Reading Skills                  |

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WESTEST PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 3  
FORM A

Read the story. Then read the questions and choose the best answer.  
Fill in the circle by your answer.

- 12 Selenas eyes grew big. "We have some empty flower pots and seeds in the shed."
- 13 "Let's grow the biggest plants Washington Elementary School has ever seen!" Lisa said.
- 14 "My mom feeds Joey a special vitamin mix when he gets sick. She says it makes him stronger and healthy. I wonder what would happen if we mixed a little with some water and gave it to a baby plant?" Selena said.
- 15 That's a great idea! agreed Lisa. "We will give one plant plain water and the other vitamin water. Which one do you think will grow the tallest?"
- 16 "Have you seen how big Joey is? I think the plant with the special formula will grow the most," Selena said. "Let's go ask Mom if this is okay."
- 17 Selena and Lisa cared for the plants each day and when the date of the science fair arrived, they stood together confidently and answered the judges' questions. They took first place, and each won ten dollars.
- 18 "Let's save our money so we can buy soap or whatever we need for next year's project," Selena said.
- 19 Lisa said, "it's a deal."

1. Look at the statement from paragraph 19. Which word from this statement needs to be capitalized?

Lisa said, "it's a deal."

- (A) said
- (B) it's
- (C) a
- (D) deal

2. Look at this sentence from paragraph 12. One word in this sentence is written incorrectly. Which answer choice shows the correct way to write the incorrect word?

Selenas eyes grew big.

- (A) Selena's
- (B) eye's
- (C) grew's
- (D) big's