

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 6**

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

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 Reading Skills       | 3.0 Research Process                   |
| 1.1 Text Forms           | 3.1 Parts of a Book                    |
| 1.2 Main Idea/Details    | 3.2 Locate and Use Reference Materials |
| 1.3 Analyze Text         | 4.0 Thinking Skills - Comprehension    |
| 1.4 Draw Conclusions     | 4.1 Reading Skills                     |
| 1.5 Interpret            | 4.2 Writing Process                    |
| 1.6 Story Elements       | 4.3 Research Process                   |
| 1.7 Figurative Language  | 5.0 Thinking Skills - Analysis         |
| 1.8 Making Connections   | 5.1 Reading Skills                     |
| 1.9 Word Meaning         |  |
| 1.10 Author's Purpose    |  |
| 2.0 Writing Process      |  |
| 2.1 Mechanics/Usage      |  |
| 2.2 Capitalization       |  |
| 2.3 Punctuation          |  |
| 2.4 Sentence Structure   |  |
| 2.5 Organize Information |  |
| 2.6 Problem Sentences    |  |

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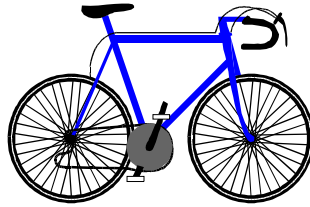
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WESTEST PRACTICE TEST IN READING - GRADE 6  
FORM A

Read the selection. Choose the best answer and mark it on your test.

The Bicycle



- 1 That familiar slim, trim, lightweight two-wheeler that you take so much for granted is actual a very distant relation of the original bicycle. In many ways, it is nothing like its ancestor.
- 2 The idea of a bicycle goes way back. The earliest known model was built in 1790, was made out of wood and mounted on two wheels. The rider propelled the machine by kicking backward against the ground. Without a steering wheel the rider had to trust to luck. Ugh. It was hard work at every turn.

1. Read this statement in paragraph 1.

That familiar slim, trim, lightweight two-wheeler that you take so much for granted is actual a very distant relation of the original bicycle.

What is the correct way to write the underlined phrase?

- (A) is actually a
- (B) are actual a
- (C) is actually an
- (D) Make no change

2. Read this part from paragraph 2.

Ugh. It was hard work at every turn.

What is the correct way to write this?

- (A) Ugh! It was hard work at every turn.
- (B) Ugh? It was hard work at every turn.
- (C) Ugh. It was hard work at every turn?
- (D) Make no change

3. How did the earliest bicycle move forward?

- (A) by cranking a lever with one hand
- (B) by pedaling with quick movements
- (C) by pushing forward with both feet
- (D) by kicking backward against the ground

4. In paragraph 1, the metaphor is that

- (A) the bicycle is a two-wheeler
- (B) the bicycle is slim and trim
- (C) the bicycle is taken for granted
- (D) the bicycle is a very distant relation