

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR READING, GRADE 8**

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

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*Skills*

1.0 Reading Skills

- 1.1 Text Forms
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**WESTEST PRACTICE TEST IN READING (ENGLISH) - GRADE 8  
FORM A**

The article below is going to be printed in the state newspaper. Read Alvin "Tex" Johnston and then answer questions 43-52.

**Alvin "Tex" Johnston**

- 1 On August 7, 1965, Alvin "Tex" Johnston performed what may be one of the most famous maneuvers in aviation history. He was an experienced test pilot for the Boeing Company, and on that day he was flying an airplane that would become the 707 the first of Boeings commercial jets. He was just supposed to fly over the crowd gathered for the annual hydroplane races on Lake Washington, east of Seattle, Washington. As he passed over the lake, Johnston did a barrel roll, to turning the plane upside down and then back again. It had neither been done before with an aircraft that large, and the crowd gasped. Among the onlookers were some startled aviation officials, including the president of Boeing. As he made the pass another one over the lake, Johnston did another roll.
- 2 When he was interviewed thirty-five years later, Johnston said that although the maneuver looked extremely daring, he had known that it was well within the ability of the aircraft. Many amazing advances have been made in flight since then, but Alvin Johnston says he still gets letters about his famous barrel roll.

1. Read this sentence from paragraph 1.

As he passed over the lake, Johnston did a barrel roll, to turning the plane upside down and then back again.

Choose the BEST way to write the underlined part of the sentence.

- (A) to have turned the
- (B) such as turning the
- (C) turning the
- (D) Make no change

2. Read this sentence from paragraph 1.

It had neither been done before with an aircraft that large, and the crowd gasped.

Which is the correct way to write the underlined part of the sentence?

- (A) have neither been done
- (B) had never been done
- (C) had never been doing
- (D) Make no change

3. Read this sentence from paragraph 1.

As he made the pass another one over the lake, Johnston did another roll.

Choose the correct way to write the underlined part of the sentence.

- (A) another pass over
- (B) another one the pass
- (C) the pass to over
- (D) Make no change

4. What made August 7, 1965, a great day in aviation?

- (A) Alvin "Tex" Johnston flew a plane for the first time.
- (B) Alvin "Tex" Johnston became a commercial pilot.
- (C) Boeing's new 707 was completed.
- (D) Johnston performed a daring aircraft maneuver in what would become the new Boeing 707.