



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Maze Benchmark

Grade 3

Student Materials

Name: _____

Date: _____

Practice Passage

Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he
takes a school _____ to go to school. In the _____, he also
takes a bus home.



Correct: _____

Incorrect: _____

Adjusted Score: _____

On the Trail

The last time I visited my cousins out West, we went on a trail ride.

A trail ride is when you _____ horses on a trail. I'd been

pony rides before, so I wasn't _____ about riding a horse.

We got _____ at dawn and had a big _____ before

going out to ride. When _____ got to the barn, the horses

_____ already saddled and waiting. They stamped

hooves and neighed at us as _____ walked over to them. I could

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my heart beating. It was exciting be setting out on

such a adventure. I still didn't feel afraid, my

mouth got a little dry the excitement.

The horses we were to ride had been

chosen for . One of my cousins got a gray horse

named Dove, and the cousin got a shiny dark brown

called Bill. Mine was called Freckles, she had

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rusty brown spots all her white coat. Freckles had a

look that reminded me of my on a hot day. Our

trail called Freckles a veteran, which I meant

she was old. I didn't why they'd chosen this horse for

to ride, but I didn't mind. were all in a

good mood out on the trail. The sunlight

hot, but the air was cool tasted sweet.

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Riding Freckles felt like on a boat and a

slow-motion at the same time. Very slow-motion!

the horses walked in a line the trail. Freckles and I came

. Slowly we got further and further the others. The

guide turned around called to Freckles. I tried to

her by flapping my legs against sides, but she would not be

. She took her time putting one in front

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of the other until reached a turn in the trail.

, she suddenly lifted her head and to trot.

The guide shouted at _____, but Freckles didn't stop. She ran

all the other horses. I was up and down in the

saddle. was afraid I would fall off!

I could think of to do to let go of the reins

hold tightly onto the saddle with _____ hands! My

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cousins couldn't help laughing

how funny I looked.

Freckles ran

the way back to the barn

stopped next to her stall. I guess she wasn't so worn-out after all!

