



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Maze Benchmark

Grade 5

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: _____

Languages

There are over six thousand languages in the world. Mandarin Chinese is the most commonly _____ language. It has over one billion _____. Spanish and English are the next _____ common languages. They each have around three hundred million _____. _____

People express important ideas with language. _____ language also helps them connect with _____ people. When you speak a language, _____ are part of a large group _____ expresses ideas in the same way. _____ you are around people who speak _____ different language, you may feel like _____ outsider.

Learning a language is also _____ for brain development. If children don't _____ a language, their brains will not _____ in a normal way. Children who

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not taught any language cannot understand concepts.


All children normally learn at one language fluently by around the
of seven. After that, it becomes difficult for older children to learn first
language.

Many people in the only speak a single language. There large
areas of the world where speak only one main language. Many Americans

only English, for example, though to from college you must usually
take two of classes in a foreign language. older people who come to the

United States other countries speak only the language where they are from.

Young people come to the United States from countries almost always

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learn English, even they may go on speaking their language at home or
with their .

Many people speak far more than one two languages. There are small areas
the world where people speak hundreds different languages. These are called
language spots. One well-known language hot spot Papua New Guinea,
which has more eight hundred languages. In contrast, the bigger Saudi
Arabia has only nine .

Many scientists and teachers say that is very beneficial to speak two
more languages. People who can speak two more languages are called “bilingual.”
If speak more than one language you find more friends, and you will

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have a wider choice of jobs do when you are older. Being
or “multilingual” is also good for able to travel other places.
Languages disappearing. As Chinese, Spanish, and English around
the world, smaller languages die . This is because speakers of these
languages die. Or they may decide be part of bigger language communities,
Spanish or English. Then they may pass on their native language to young.
Scientists worry about language death. is because languages may contain
special . Languages are libraries. They contain lots information
about the world.

When languages , information is lost. Languages in the

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have information about the plants and

there. When those languages die, the

world loses that information.

