



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
8th Edition

Maze Benchmark

Grade 8

Student Materials

Name: _____

Date: _____

Practice Passage

Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he takes a school

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| art |
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 to go to school. In the

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Backstrap Weaving

Backstrap weaving is an ancient way of making cloth that has been used for thousands of years all around the world. It requires a wooden loom that can be made easily and cheaply. The backstrap loom can be rolled up and broken . Since this type of weaving has been done by village women, who are often also responsible for making food and raising children, it is important that first the loom be easy to set up and put aside when necessary. The backstrap weaving technique is simple but it imagines long practice. First, a warp must be made by stretching yarn or thread between two sticks. The distance between the sticks determines the length of the finished fabric . One of the sticks is tied to something solid, perhaps to a tree. Main My The other is fastened to the weaver

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about
toward
with

a strap that goes around her

back
dog
toy

The strap can be made of

air
cloth
laser

or it can

be a leather

belt
knife
place

The weaver is then able to

control
follow
speak

the tension of the threads with

floppy
popular
subtle

movements of her body. She passes

noises
sweaters
threads

over and under the warp threads

forming
using
yelling

a tool called a shuttle. It

can
is
put

a time-consuming process to weave fabrics

in
so
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this

way, but the results are

intricate
tasteless
worrying

and beautiful.

The fabrics woven on

later
mine
these

looms are an important part of

here
no
the

cultural

heritage of the people who

eat
make
sign

them. They are often full of

electric
medical
symbolic

motifs that

refer to the myths

and
next
sure

religious beliefs of the distant past.

Also
His
In

Guatemala, for

example, Mayan women often

cost
learn
sing

to weave when they are four

but
more
or

five years old.

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They use intricate **blankets** **designs** **lights** taught to them by other women **but** **even** **if** also invent their own designs. Once **fans** **our** **they** have woven a blouse, the women **last** **take** **will** often wear it for many years. **Each** **Less** **My** blouse is unique, and it is **cleaned** **passed** **woven** in the colors specific to a **fabric's** **moon's** **woman's** community. The specific colors and patterns **eaten** **sprung** **used**, as well as the way the **blouse** **group** **seat** is worn, tell others which area **and** **her** **the** woman comes from and whether she **can** **goes** **is** married or single.

In Indonesia, backstrap **concert** **hiking** **weaving** usually involves threads dyed two different **colors** **reasons** **women**. One traditional dye is indigo, which **makes** **sees** **washes** a range of blues, and the **first** **most** **other** is morinda, which produces shades from pink **as** **in** **to** purplish brown. These two dyes are **applied** **stopped** **woven** to threads before they are woven **for** **so** **to** create a fabric covered in

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patterns and near upon figures. Indonesian women who still practice how my this ancient technique

often work together in food quick small groups called weaving collectives. This means by that yet

while working they can tell each month other whose stories and sing songs. In each culture where

backstrap weaving is used, when women teach their daughters to weave, they are also

teaching their peoples' history and ideas.



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The Circus

A circus is a traveling group of skilled performers comprised of jugglers, acrobats, tightrope walkers, equestrians, animal tamers, strongmen, clowns and others. A circus

typically moves around a **full** **lot** **part** in any single country and sometimes **goes** **keeps** **shows** all over the

world. Circus performers **perform** **stand** **watch** their acts in the middle of **a** **so** **to** big tent called the

Big Top. **And** **Here** **This** middle part of the tent is **called** **shown** **spoken** the ring. The Ringmaster is the

animal **person** **tent** in charge of all the acts **such** **that** **who** take place in the ring.

The **every** **modern** **unknown** circus was invented by a man **also** **by** **in** Great Britain named Sergeant-

Major Philip Astley. **He** **It** **The** was a British military veteran and **a** **but** **for** skilled horse-trainer

who had performed equestrian **bags** **meals** **tricks** all over Europe. Finally, he settled **in** **on** **with** London,

where he opened his own **country** **horse** **theater**. Since the theater had a circular **arena** **booth** **plane** for galloping

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horses, it became known **as** by a “circus.” To bring in bigger **audiences** horses, Astley began to **in** theaters, hire rope-walkers, jugglers, **and** but acrobats. He also hired clowns to **guess** make people laugh **nor** show between the acts. Soon **an** he opened another circus in Paris. He **had** put found a sure-fire **of** was way of attracting **and** only thrilling large audiences. Many other circus **animals** cultures sprang up **too** theaters all over Europe around **such** that same time. Since most of the **acts** ropes did not rely on speech **when** ways for **his** our dramatic effect, a circus could move **easily** hardly from country to country, **their** surely bypassing the **much** same language barriers. **usual**

When the circus concept **came** made to the United States early in **far** the nineteenth **sent** very century, it was done in **a** no whole different way. Instead of a **newer** single theater inside a **that** unstable building, the American **circus** number had a big tent. That was **because** despite the circuses were **theater** instead

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designed to travel by it of wagon all around the country. Also, American circuses hospitals novels imported elephants and lions from Africa and but or used them to draw larger crowds. By In To the end of the nineteenth century, circuses doctors elements traveled mostly by train and they made sent were by far the most popular form by of with entertainment in America.

“Barnum and Bailey” had saw was the name of a famous circus across that whole began around that time, featuring large animals clowns denials from India and Africa as well as by with three rings instead of one. A few group ring of brothers started their own circus by in to compete with Barnum and Bailey, calling brothers circuses themselves the Ringling Brothers. Later these brothers bought used used out the Barnum and Bailey Circus. He It She was a lot of work for her sale them because they had to run two circuses distances tracks. Finally, they made the two circuses from into with one circus and called

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it the Ringling Brothers **and** **but** Barnum and Bailey Circus.
so

The combined **circus** **form** prospered for many years, but it **eventually** **practically** ran into **selflessly** theater

problems. A big fire **in** **over** the circus tent at one show **cost** **paid** the Ringling Brothers a huge **shut** with

lawsuit. **Any** **Once** tent was not safe because it **had** **made** not flame proof and the court **was** **Their**

banned **found** the Ringling Brothers to be negligent. **A** **It** cost all the money they made **at** **turned** **No** **for** **on**

the next ten years from their **courts** **fires** to pay the resulting fines. After **little** **such** the circus did **that** shows

well for many **more** **often** years, but it could not compete **by** **into** the new circuses and new **with** some

attractions **even** **many** as Disney World. In the end, **but** **much** Ringling Brothers closed their **the** such

famous circus. Nowadays, most people only know what a circus is like from reading books and watching old movies.



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Space Shuttles

NASA's Space Shuttle program ran for over thirty years. The Space Shuttles

could orbit the Earth **by** **on** **with** astronauts inside. Part of their mission **came** **kept** **was** to study the effects of zero **gravity** **meter** **tolerance** on human beings, plants, and chemical **democracies** **dependencies** **substances**. The Shuttles also launched satellites and **boats** **probes** **stars**, as well as a giant space **astronomy** **monster** **telescope** for viewing distant stars and galaxies. Space Shuttle **astronauts** **lifeguards** **submarines** helped to build the International Space Station. **Costly** **Mostly** **Overly**, the Space Shuttle program was an **arrogant** **enormous** **opposite** success.

The Space Shuttles were designed **for** **so** **to** be partly reusable. They could return **at** **in** **to** Earth and land on a runway **just** **too** **until** like airplanes. There were one hundred **and** **but** **like** thirty Space Shuttle missions.

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The idea **for** **in** **off** a kind of space plane was **first** **most** **until** proposed in the late 1950s. NASA

engineers **satellites** **telescopes** wanted a spacecraft that could return **in** **is** **to** Earth and be fully reusable. After

a **it** **no** lot of work, they finally compromised **her** **if** **on** a partly reusable shuttle design and

began **chose** **found** building the shuttles about one year **before** **inside** **under** the Apollo Moon Landing.

The design **consisted** **enacted** **suspected** of a space plane, expendable liquid **fuel** **gold** **ticket** tanks,

and reusable rockets. It would **be** **go** **sit** launched vertically like a normal rocket. **No** **The** **Who**

cockpit could carry five to seven **astronauts** **centimeters** **spacecrafts**.

Liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen were **colored** **mixed** **smelled** in the external tank to

ignite **like** **my** **the** rockets. At about two minutes after **breakfast** **degree** **liftoff**, the rockets would release

and parachute **about** **below** **into** the ocean to be picked up **by** **in** **to** NASA. With power from its main

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designs engines metals, the craft would keep rising until it so we reached Earth orbiting height. Then the

cheap main vague engines would be shut off and for his the external fuel tank released to burn cash of up in

the Earth's atmosphere.

When it had put was time for the Shuttle to come home near off, it would fire its

thrusters and crawl fall swim back into the lower atmosphere. It dared had would descend to Earth like a

glider, flamed motioned slowed dramatically by air pressure, finally landing from on with a long runway out

in the desert moon program.

Mostly, the Shuttle worked exactly as his it them was designed to work. Yet

there goes has is always a risk that such complicated atmosphere engineering irrigating systems will fail just

because some happy little thin thing goes wrong in a way each not that nobody expects. The consequences

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of such **a** **if** small failure can be disastrous.
my

Altogether, **range** **some** were two such catastrophic accidents during **ever** **for** Space
there **the**

Shuttle program's history. Both accidents **drew** **saw** later traced to small mechanical failures.
were

A **In** 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded **dryly** **purely** after launch, killing all seven
To **shortly**

astronauts **aboard** **split** . Especially tragic was the fact that **so** **the** Challenger mission was
talking **what**

the first time **a** **me** teacher was part of the shuttle **crew** **engine** . Then, seventeen years later,
she **sport**

the Space Shuttle Columbia **exploded** **ignored** over Texas during re-entry, killing another seven
promoted

astronauts
keyboards .
missions

The Space Shuttle program was finally **launched** **retired** in 2011, right after Space
subjected

Shuttle Atlantis's **final** **landing** flight. But NASA has since built **a** **on** new vehicle to explore
solid **up**

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deep space. For He It is called the Orion, and it has to will be launched sometime soon.

Even though only so the Space Shuttle program is over, it drove had knew a lasting impact on

space travel. By My The International Space Station would have been emotional insatiable and unthinkable

much more difficult to construct and but yet keep supplied without the shuttle missions. Space

Shuttles heard knew proved that space travel could be more attentive sustainable unbearable than anyone believed

before it began. Now we know better.

