



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills  
8<sup>th</sup> 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.

