



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: _____

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New Slang

People have used slang to sound cool for longer than “cool” was cool. Slang is vocabulary that is very _____ and often used by people who _____ to a clique. A clique is _____ small in-group of people who share _____ special style or set of ideas _____ often use a specific vocabulary to _____ to each other. But even if _____ do not belong to a clique, _____ probably already use slang in your _____ and didn’t even know it. For _____, words like “cool,” “sweet,” and “tight” _____ all mean “good.” You have probably _____ one of these words to describe _____ that you liked or admired.

But _____ ! Slang tends to evolve quickly. What _____ cool to say yesterday may be _____ so cool today and might embarrass _____ tomorrow. People used to say that

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was “off the hook,” and before they might have said it was “rad.”

if you use either of these today, your friends may wince and
to avoid you.

Some slang expressions once so common that people got of
saying them. For example, friends to greet each other in a way by saying,

“Wassup?” But then actors in a famous commercial said “Wassup?”

started repeating that phrase, until it no longer fun or interesting to anymore.

That’s when it was all for “Wassup?” If you greet a now by saying,


“Wassup?” you will get a funny look in response. similar thing happened with

“For shizzle.”

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are different types and origins of . Much slang comes from words and that originally had similar meanings. For , everyone likes to “pig out” every often, and so it’s easy to where that phrase comes from. However, is something easy considered a “piece cake”? It probably is something associated an old social game that has since been forgotten, namely a “cake walk,” which the winner literally won cake.

slang words are portmanteaus (pronounced port-man-tows). portmanteau is a word that combines words together to form a new . “Brunch” is a great example of portmanteau. It combines “breakfast” and “lunch” to create a new word with slightly new meaning. Another example of

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new slang word is a “spork”: spoon-and-fork combination. Not all portmanteaus are related; there is also “infomercials,” which combinations of information and commercials. And military gave us a combo of and enormous: ginormous. Some slang develops of changes in technology. For example, hundred years ago, people didn’t give a ring to call them on phone because phones weren’t common. Until ten years ago, people would have hot spots were temperature based, not Wi-Fi. And spam was only a that came in a can, not email. Some slang has even evolved texting language such as “LOL”, “brb”, “smh.”

Some slang just happens. And that’s sick.

