



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Maze Benchmark

Grade 2

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: _____

The New Kid

Eric was going to be the new kid at school. He had left his old school because his dad got a new job in a new town.

Eric was not sure if the kids would like him. He worried a lot about this the night before his first day at the new school. It was hard to get to sleep, so he worried so much.

He would be the new kid in the third grade. What if nobody wanted to be his friend? What if they all laughed at him?

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Just the thought of being _____ at made Eric very sad.
He _____ himself going off alone to unwrap _____ eat his
lunch sadly in a _____ of the school cafeteria. He shook
_____ head hard, as if to shake _____ this thought. But
still, he couldn't _____ feeling anxious.

When Eric woke up _____ the first morning that he
was _____ to go to his new school, _____ did not feel
happy. He wanted _____ say that he was feeling
sick, _____ that he could stay home. He _____ want to
lie, but he didn't _____ to go to the new school,

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Then he smelled something wonderful. It the smell
of freshly cooked pancakes. made him happy, because
pancakes were favorite breakfast food. He jumped out
bed and quickly got dressed for .

As he ate the steaming hot , his mother asked him
if he excited about starting at the new . Eric
shrugged. She ran her hand his hair. “Don’t worry,” she
said. “ be the most popular kid in . I just know
it.”

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He shrugged _____, making a sour face, but he
smiled. His mother was always so _____ at cheering him up.

Eric's dad _____ him to school and parked at
curb. He said, "Keep your chin _____ and have a great day
at _____. I know you'll make lots of _____ friends
here."

Eric got out of _____ car and walked to where the
_____ were lining up. He saw his _____ and got in
line. The boy _____ in front of him turned around,
out his hand to shake, and _____, "Hi, I'm Ted and I'm new

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. What's your name?"

Eric shook Ted's , smiling widely. He said, "Wow!

I'm here, too!"

Ted said, "Fantastic! Let's sit together at lunch."

