



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Australasian Version

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

art
bus
work

 to go to school. In the

afternoon
library
morning

, he also takes a bus home.



Correct: _____

Incorrect: _____

Adjusted Score: _____

Working Together

Cindy and Anne were practising for their big game. They both were on the soccer team and liked to practise at home.

They used the field behind Anne's food house leg . They set up a net for a his me goal. When the sun was shining one so they got hot and thirsty.

On those corns days shirts they drank a lot of water.

Apple Glove Soccer is a hard game. You do metres plenty slopes of fast running and dodging when he for you play it. Kicking the ball takes morning puppies and strength

lots of mental focus. It eats helps wants to pace yourself so that you

aren't don't haven't get too tired out too soon.

Anne put ran was the captain and she scored most from her of the goals

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for the team. Cindy met sang was the goalie. The girls took turns helping kicking posting the ball and practising their moves. Down Their When big game was coming on Sunday and no yet they wanted to make sure they gave knew were ready. “We will win the game if so to you score a lot of goals in for save us,” said Cindy.

“If we work backwards specially together as a team, we will win as but the game,” said Anne.

Cindy looked at Anne and few like smiled. She said, “I think you are talk turn right. Let’s just make sure we hop stop work together as a team. The team he soon that works together best always wins, don’t she they what ?”

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They went on playing for another cup
hour
work . It was very hot.

They stopped or
to
when drink water.

Cindy said, “I think I
such
we work together well out there.”

Anne covered
jumped
replied , “We are good friends and we change
fill
know how

to play this game. We are
sing
wash on a good team. Everybody on

play
the
which team is strong and smart. Everybody hides
gives
knows how to

work together. If we keep
let
put it up I know we will need
skip
win .”

The day for the big game arrived
chatted
slept . The team gathered in

their huddle and
if
nor the coach gave them a pep drink
play
talk . Half way

through the game, Anne and
in
only Cindy’s team was down by two

blocks
cones
goals .

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Anne said, “We can win this dog
fan
game, if we all work together.

We can
play
run do it!”

The team went back like
on
plus the field and played better than

he
how
they ever did. They won the game and
down
if the coach told them

he was proud
scared
sorry of them all. The championship game flew
knew
was next

week. The girls knew they had to practise even harder.



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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 new
old kids would like him. He
used
worried a
or lot about this the night before his
some first day at the
Any
new school. It was hard to get to sleep, because
So instead he worried
though
so much.

He would be
have the new kid in the year news
see three class. What
any
if nobody wanted to be his friend? What if they all laughed
so
at
new him?
on

Just the thought of being guessed
laughed at made Eric very sad.
worked

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He ate saw was himself going off alone to unwrap and next out eat his lunch
sadly in a corner lunch table of the school playground. He shook his top very head
hard, as if to shake for hand out this thought. But still, he couldn't eat help see
feeling anxious.

When Eric woke up for on over the first morning that he was
supposed thought wrapped to go to his new school, he nor so did not feel happy. He
wanted some to who say that he was feeling sick, if so up that he could stay
home. He didn't hadn't wasn't want to lie, but he didn't buy eat want to go to the
new school, either every instead .

Then he smelled something wonderful. It did saw was the smell of
freshly cooked pancakes. School Smell This made him happy, because

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pancakes were for his rare favourite breakfast food. He jumped out he in of bed and quickly got dressed for house practice school.

As he ate the steaming hot pancakes series showers, his mother asked him if he had saw was excited about starting at the new library practice school. Eric shrugged. She ran her hand about likewise through his hair. “Don’t worry,” she said. “Don’t It’ll You’ll be the most friendly kid in library school teacher. I just know it.”

He shrugged again many never, making a sour face, but he also none yet smiled. His mother was always so away good okay at cheering him up.

Eric’s dad drove smiled walked him to school and parked at part red the kerb. He said, “Keep your chin on to up and have a great day at library practice school.”

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I know you'll make lots of **new
one
ready** friends here."

Eric got out of **all
side
the** car and walked to where the **cars
friends
kids** were lining up. He saw his **class
day
link** and got in line. The boy **dancing
planning
standing** in front of him turned around, **held
shook
stood** out his hand to shake, and **lined
made
said**, "Hi, I'm Ted and I'm new **either
here
very**. What's your name?"

Eric shook Ted's **book
hand
leg**, smiling widely. He said, "Wow! I'm **first
new
shook** here, too!"

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



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Summer Reading

Jason liked to read books. Some days he started reading a book in the morning and kept reading it all day long. He liked books that took place

but
in
or

 strange places or ancient times. He

ate
cut
liked

 to read about people going on

easy
heroic
tall

 quests and wild adventures.

When Jason

did
read
went

 a book, he saw all that

happened
planned
tested

 in the story. He felt what

as
no
the

 people in the book felt. He

pulled
sang
tasted

 what they tasted. He smelled what

our
she
they

 smelled. It was like living a

corner
sugar
whole

 different life.

One summer day, Jason

cooked
started
walked

 reading right after breakfast.

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At noon, **he**
of was still reading. It was a book **about**
new people in
this
ancient times. There were **big**
fat battles in it. There was a **boy**
tall **place**
story
only a little older than he **did**
put, going on strange adventures.
was

As Jason **moved**
read the book, he stayed still so **as**
sat **of** he could keep
his mind on **big**
so story.
the

Jason felt he was in the **class**
middle of a big battle. He was
play
coming
flying a horse. He was shooting arrows. **After**
Behind the battle
riding **Down**
was over, he rode **his**
out horse down to a river to **drink**
up **read** water. The
wash
horse also drank water. **Any**
They were both covered in dust and
You
many
they were both thirsty.
what

Jason's mother knocked **be**
it his door. This made him sit
on

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but like up . For a few seconds he did but not to know where he was, or who he my the was.

“Jason,” she said. “Go outside, away please right . It’s time for you to get an old some fresh air.”

So, Jason got up about from that his bed. He was still carrying cute his too book with his forefinger in it at by to mark the page he had been

going reading staying . He walked down the stairs still asking coming reading it. He went out into the cup desk garden and sat underneath a gum tree. Any It So was

quiet and peaceful there. He called had kept reading.

He had many adventures that afternoon blueberry furniture . At the end of his adventures, he my some was standing in a big church. He It Some wore a

Keep going ►

shining suit and polished boots
cards . Organ music boomed. A woman
water
in a long, white dress and a lace guest
is piano came walking slowly
to veil
up the aisle. Our stood facing him as the priest began
She played to
Them washed
speak.

Just then his mother hinted
laughed out, “Jason! Time for dinner!”
shouted
Jason lay up, startled, and looked around. The breakfast
sat sunlight was
went wedding
almost gone, and he was digging
pulling in deep shade. The air was
sitting
blue. Crickets were singing. The whole day had gone by while
Letters
Parties
he was reading his book.

