



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
8th Edition

Australasian Version

Maze Benchmark

Grade 8

Student Materials

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Date: _____

Practice Passage

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

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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 brutally been done by village women, who are often also responsible for making food and raising children, it is important that first his loom be easy to set up dashingly and put aside when necessary. quickly weekly

The backstrap weaving technique is simple but it imagines long practice. flapjack network requires translates

First, a warp must be made by stretching yarn or thread between despite two sticks. The take familiar

distance between the sticks determines the length of the finished fabric line . One of the words time

sticks is tied of something solid, perhaps to a tree. Main My The other is fastened to the to up

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weaver **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** **upon** 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 girls 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 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 colours specific to a fabric's moon's woman's community. The specific colours 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 colours 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** figures. Indonesian women who still practise **how** **my** ancient technique **this** **upon**

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

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

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 travelling 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 all shows**

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 theatre**. Since the theatre 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** theatres, hire rope-walkers, jugglers, **and** but acrobats. He also hired clowns to **guess** make people **nor** show laugh between the acts. Soon **an** he opened another circus in Paris. He **had** put found a sure-**of** was fire way of attracting **and** only thrilling large audiences. Many other circus **animals** cultures sprang **too** theatres up all over Europe around **such** that same time. Since most of the **acts** ropes did not rely on **when** ways speech 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 **made** sent to the United States early in **far** the nineteenth **went** very century, it was done in **a** no whole different way. Instead of a **newer** single theatre inside a **that** unstable building, the American **circus** number had a big tent. That was **because** despite the circuses were **instead** theatre

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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 travelled 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 so Barnum and Bailey Circus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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** **metre** **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 aeroplanes. There were one hundred **and** **but** **like** thirty Space Shuttle missions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

could carry five to seven **astronauts** . **centimetres** **spacecrafts**

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

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

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

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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 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

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consequences of such **a** **if** small failure can be disastrous.
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Altogether, **range** **some** were two such catastrophic accidents during **ever** **for** Space
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Shuttle program's history. Both accidents **drew** **saw** later traced to small mechanical
were

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

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

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

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

another seven **astronauts** **keyboards**.
missions

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

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

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explore deep space. For He It is called the Orion, and it has to will been launched into space.

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 unthinkable

and 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.

