



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Australasian Version

Maze Progress Monitoring

Grade 3

Administration Directions and Scoring Keys

Examiner script	
<p>I am going to give you a worksheet. When you get your worksheet, please write your name at the top and put your pencil down.</p> <p>(Hand out the Maze student worksheets. Make sure students have written their names down before proceeding.)</p> <p>You are going to read a passage with some words missing from it. For each missing word you will see a box with three words in it. Your job is to circle the word you think makes the most sense in the context of the passage. Let’s look at the Practice Passage together. Listen as I read.</p> <p>Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he takes a school (pause) art, bus, work (pause) to go to school.</p> <p>Let’s stop there. Let’s circle the word “bus” because I think “bus” makes the most sense here. Listen to how that sentence sounds now.</p> <p>Every morning, he takes a school <u>bus</u> to go to school.</p> <p>Now it’s your turn. Read the next sentence <u>silently</u> to yourself. When you come to a box, read all the words in the box and circle the word that makes the most sense to you. When you are done, put your pencil down.</p> <p>(Allow up to 30 seconds for students to complete the example and put their pencils down.)</p> <p>If necessary, after 30 seconds say Put your pencil down. As soon as all students have their pencils down, say Good job.</p> <p>Now listen. In the (pause) afternoon, library, morning (pause), he also takes a bus home. You should have circled “afternoon” because “afternoon” makes the most sense. Listen. In the <u>afternoon</u>, he also takes a bus home.</p> <p>Okay, when I say “Begin,” turn the page and start reading the passage silently. Start on the page with the title. When you come to a box, read all the words in the box and circle the word that makes the most sense in the passage. You will stop when you come to a stop sign or I say Stop. Ready? Begin. Start the timer.</p> <p>At the end of <u>3 minutes</u>, stop the timer and say Stop. Put your pencils down.</p>	
Reminders	
Start timer	Start the timer after you say Begin.
Prompts	<p>If a student starts reading the passage out loud, say Please read the passage silently. (Repeat as often as needed.)</p> <p>If a student skips an entire page, say, Please be sure not to skip pages.</p> <p>If a student stops working, say Please keep going until I tell you to stop. Just do your best work. (Repeat as often as needed.)</p>
Discontinue	There is no discontinue rule. Every student should be encouraged to try their best until three minutes have passed.

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The Time Capsule

One day, when they were both nine, Millie and Pete made a
time capsule. They filled an old metal box **with** stuff and buried **1**
it in a **secret** place. **2**

Two years passed. So much **happened** in the world and in **3**
their **lives** since they put that metal box **in** the ground. Millie **5**
grew three centimetres. Pete **got** a dog. Millie's dad found a **7**
new job and bought a new car. **They** both began writing to pen **8**
pals **in** foreign countries. **9**

Now seemed like a **good** time to dig up the time **capsule**. **10**

They wanted to compare how they **were** at eleven to how they **12**

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used **to** be when they were nine. Then **they** would sit down 14

together and write **letters** to their new foreign friends, 15

describing **their** progress on various life goals. 16

Millie **told** Pete that she had forgotten just **what** they 18

put into the time capsule. **She** remembered a few things, she 19

was **sure**, but not all. It would be **surprising** to open it and 21

find out **what** was in it. Pete said that **he** could not remember 23

exactly what they **had** put into the box, either. He **said** it 25

might feel strange to see **these** things that they had not seen 26

in two years. 27

Millie found her old **beach** sand castle set in the back 28

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of her closet. She and Pete each took **a** plastic spade and 30
went out into Millie's **back** yard. Pete walked to the base **of** 32
the oak tree. Millie walked to **the** old gum tree about ten metres 33
away.

“Hey!” **she** shouted. “It’s over here!” 34
“No way,” Pete **replied**. “I know we buried it here.” 35
They argued for a bit. Each was **sure** about the 37
location of the time **capsule**. They used Rock Paper Scissors to 38
decide where to dig first. Millie won. 39
They spent an hour digging a hole **under** the gum tree. 41
Nothing. They spent another **hour** digging another hole under 42

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the oak. **The** capsule wasn't there, either.

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Five holes **later**, Millie's dad pulled his car into

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the driveway. He jumped out of the **car** and shouted: "What

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are you doing?"

Suddenly, Millie remembered something important about

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the **day** they buried the time capsule. They had buried it in Pete's

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backyard.



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Grandpa's Snakes

When my grandpa was a kid, he lived in California. He lived
with his parents and **his** little sister. Back then the land **was** 2
not so settled. There were few **buildings**. But there were 3
kilometres of paddocks **and** orchards. You could see cows, 4
horses, **and** chickens. Grandpa and his sister used **to** go 6
looking for small lizards. But Grandpa's **favourite** thing to do 7
was hunt snakes.

After school, he'd change into blue jeans, **grab** a peanut 9
butter and jelly sandwich **and** his snake gear, and head for **the** 11
hills. His snake gear was a **pillow** case, a forked stick, and a 12

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pair of his mother's old gardening gloves. 13
To catch a snake, first you've got **to** find it. Grandpa 15
 was a good **finder** of snakes. He knew where they **liked** to 17
 sleep during the hot days. **He** knew snakes liked to sun 18
 themselves **early** in the morning but that they **tried** to stay 20
 cool in the shade **during** the heat of the day. So, **snakes** could 22
 best be found underneath rocks, **in** hollow trees, or at the roots 23
of thick bushes. 24
 Once he'd found the **snake's** hiding place, he would sneak 25
 up **to** the end of the tail. When **he** got close enough, he 27
 used his **forked** stick to trap its head. Then **he** picked it up 29

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with gloved hands **and** put it in the pillow case. **Most** of the 31

time Grandpa caught carpet **snakes** and diamond pythons. 32

Once, he caught **a** green tree snake. He carried it home 33

in his pillow case and put it **in** the refrigerator. He knew 35

that the **cold** would not hurt it but would **just** send it into 37

hibernation. When it **was** asleep, he'd be able to study **it**. 39

But he forgot to tell his **mother** it was there. 40

The next time **his** mother opened the refrigerator door, 41

she **got** a big surprise! She screamed so **loudly**, Grandpa 43

said, that she scared the **horses** in the nearby paddock. The 44

snake was sleeping, but it still shocked **her** to see it there. 46

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After that, she made a rule: if grandpa put a snake in the refrigerator,
he had to tape a warning on the outside.



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Dear Pen Pal

Dear Pen Pal,

I am a robot called Deet. But I think of myself as **an** ordinary 1
eight-year-old kid, just like you.

I live on the planet Firth. Firth **is** a human-made 3
planet, the first of **its** kind. Scientists from your space 4
programme **built** it one hundred years ago. We **have** red 6
oceans and one large, green **landmass** called Bern where all of 8
us **live** together, robots and humans. The continent **of** Bern is 9
mostly flat, with a **long** line of hills running down the **middle** . 11
These flat lands are where our **farmers** grow food. The forested 12

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hills are **where** the people live. 13

I live in **a** big city. Here we have many **parks** filled 15

with trees that were brought **from** Earth. There are big squares 16

with **fountains** that splash red water. There are **paths** for 18

walking and riding your bike. **We** even have magnetic 19

skateboards.

On Firth, **robots** and humans skateboard together. Every 20

year, **there** is a big skateboarding contest between **the** Robot 22

team and the Human team. **It** is broadcast on television and 23

on **the** radio. People take the day off **work** to watch or listen 25

to it **and** to cheer on their favourite players. **Last** year I won a 27

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blue ribbon **for** my magnetic skateboarding. The Prime Minister 28

pinned **it** to my jacket. I was given **a** parade through the 30
streets of Bern.

Last week, Earth scientists came to see **us**. A small team 32

of them hiked **into** the hills to study our trees. **A** storm 34

struck and they had to **build** an emergency shelter to sleep under. 35

In the morning, the rains had stopped, **but** the fog made it 37

difficult to **see**. The Earthlings were stranded. 38

Our leaders **put** together a search party to look **for** 40

them. Because I am the best **at** climbing trees, I was asked to 41

help. I climbed the tallest tree on **the** steepest hill and found 43

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them huddled **together** around a small campfire under a 44

canopy of gum trees. 45

Dr. Anthony, the head **scientist**, was thankful and asked 46

if I **would** accept a great honour: to be **the** robot pen pal of 48

Firth to **planet** Earth. I could start by writing **a** letter to you, 50

the son of Earth's **leader**. I said that I would be **happy** and 52

proud to do so. If **you** are ever on Firth, I'd like **to** show 54

you the parks and the **fountains**. I also hope we can go 55

skateboarding together. 56

So that's why I'm writing. Hello, **friend**! I hope you'll 57

write back soon.

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Yours truly,

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Dandelion Salad

Luca's mother liked to pick wild plants. She knew which
ones were safe **to** eat and which ones were not. **He** often 2
walked along the street with **his** mother. He watched her as she 3
picked out wild plants. She put the **plants** into a basket she 5
carried over **her** arm. 6
Sometimes, she used the plants **to** make into drinks to heal 7
him **and** his brother when they were sick. **Sometimes**, she 9
made jam to spread on **toast**. Sometimes, she mashed up flower 10
petals **and** made paints for her artwork. The **paintings** were 12
very colourful. He liked to **help** his mother mash up the flower 13

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petals using a mortar and pestle. He liked the way the 15
 colours got even stronger the more flowers he mixed. 16
 The shelves of the kitchen pantry were packed with glass 18
 jars. Each jar was tightly sealed. There were many different 19
 colours of things inside the jars. He liked to look at all the 21
 colourful jars. A label was stuck to the lid of each of these 23
 jars. On each label was the name of what was inside the jar 25
 and the date it had been picked. 26
 Luca's mother seemed to know everything about wild 27
 plants. When she did not know what a plant was, she looked 29
 it up in a book that she carried along with her in the basket. 31

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Today, she wanted to make a **salad**. She liked to make 32
salads out **of** wild greens that she found on **her** walks. It was 34
spring and dandelions **were** coming up everywhere. 35
“Luca, can you **go** outside and pick me some dandelion 36
greens ?” she asked. He was happy his **mother** trusted him. 38
He knew how to **find** dandelions. It was easy. You just **had** to 40
look for the bright yellow **flowers**. Dandelions grew in the 41
backyard. He **picked** a bag full of the greens **and** brought it 43
inside.

His mother told **him**, “That’s the wrong kind, honey. These 44
are too big. That means they are **older**. And when dandelion 46

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greens get older, **they** are too bitter for salad. You **have** to 48
pick the young, small leaves.”

He felt disappointed for a moment. Then **his** mother 50
touched his face and smiled **radiantly**. “But I have an idea,” she 51

said. “These would be perfect to feed **to** your rabbit!” So, he 53

fed the **older** greens to his rabbit. The rabbit **seemed** not to 55

find them too bitter. Then he went out again and picked a bag of
young, tender greens for the salad.



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Brain Freeze

Have you ever eaten ice cream so fast that you got a headache?

If so, you have had a **brain** freeze! 1

This happened to me just **last** week when I was at the 2

mall with my friends, George and Judy. **We** all got waffle 4

cones. I started **eating** mine fast. Too fast, it turned **out** , 6

because I got a sudden and **painful** headache. 7

Judy told me that the **same** thing happened to her last 8

summer. **She** ate a dish of ice cream **so** fast that suddenly 10

she couldn't even **speak** . For a moment she couldn't even 11

see . 12

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George said he gets the same **blinding** headache when he 13

drinks a chocolate **shake** too fast. George was the first **one** I 15

ever heard call it “brain **freeze**.” When I first heard him say 16

it, I laughed. But when it happened **to** me, it wasn’t so funny. 18

Since **then** I’ve asked lots of people if **they** ever get 20

“brain freeze.” Almost everybody **has** said yes. 21

Brain freeze or ice-cream **headaches** can result from eating 22

any cold **food** or drink. Because of this, they **are** also called 24

cold stimulus headaches. But what **causes** them? 25

Brain freeze occurs because we **have** nerves inside our 26

mouths. Nerves allow **us** to feel things such as heat, **cold**, or 28

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pain. When you drink or **eat** something that is very cold, your **29**
nerves feel a shock. Also, the roof **of** your mouth can swell **31**
up and **squeeze** the nerves tight. This can lead **to** a big **33**
headache.

There are few **cures** for brain freeze. Some suggest that **34**
you can warm up the affected areas **of** your mouth. You do **36**
this by **pressing** your tongue against the roof of **your** mouth. **38**
Some other people say that **you** should take another bite of ice **39**
cream to keep the area cold until **the** pain passes. Yet others **41**
suggest breathing **in** through your mouth and out your **nose**. **43**
This helps bring warmer air into **your** mouth. **44**

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Humans aren't the only animals **to** experience brain 45
freeze. There is evidence **that** cats, dogs, monkeys, and even 46
otters **can** experience brain freeze! However, it is unknown if 47
animals respond to the cures the same way people do.



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The West

Rosa was going out West with her mother by horse and cart.

Her father had already gone by **ship** two years earlier. They 1

were going **to** join up with him there and **become** farmers. 3

But Rosa hated to leave **her** friends in Connecticut. Also, she 4

was **a** little worried that the people in **the** West might not like 6

her. She **was** afraid they might not like her **duck**, Quirk, either. 8

She knew that some **of** the people who already lived in 9

the West felt that the new people **coming** out brought bad 11

habits along with **them**. For example, some of the new **people** 13

tossed banana peels from their carts **when** they were done eating. 14

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This made **the** horses slip and fall, often with **their** riders 16
still on them.

Also, some **of** the new people spat out their **chewing** 18
gum into the bushes at the **side** of the trail. Then the gum **stuck** 19
to the paws of wild animals. **This** changed the animals' 21
footprints and made **them** hard to track. 22

Making friends would **be** tricky. Rosa worried about 23
this a **lot**. She also worried about whether Quirk **would** like 25
his new home. In Connecticut, **the** duck had a pen full of 26
grass, a little house, and his own **small** pond. She didn't know 28
what kind **of** space he would have in the West. **She** worried 30

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he would get lost in **the** evergreen forest. She worried she 31

would **wander** into the tunnels of a silver **mine** to look for him. 33

Rosa was **silent** for most of the trip because **she** was 35

so scared. But when they **finally** arrived in the West, she found 36

three **surprises** waiting for her. 37

First, her father **had** built a small house and a **pen** for her 39

duck, right next to **a** creek. Second, a little girl with **long** 41

plaits sat on the stoop. Her **name** was Annie. She wanted to be 42

Rosa's **friend**. Third, Annie winked and offered Rosa **a** 44

banana and a stick of gum.

Rosa **laughed**. She took the stick of gum, **put** it into her 46

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mouth, and happily **chewed** it. She held out her hand **and** said, 48

“Thanks, Annie. I like your **plaits**. I’m sure we’ll be great 49

friends **out** here in the West. You can **teach** me how to track 51

wild animals **through** the evergreen forest and how to **avoid** 53

old silver mines with lots of **dark** tunnels in them. And now I’d 54

like to introduce you to my duck, Quirk.”



