



# Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## 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 . It was very hot.  
work

They stopped or  
to drink water.  
when

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 worried a or some lot about this the night before his no first day at the new school. Any It So was hard to get to sleep, because instead though he worried so much.

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

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

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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

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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.

