



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Australasian Version

Maze Benchmark

Grade 8

Student Materials

Name: _____

Date: _____

Practice Passage

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

art
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work

 to go to school. In the

afternoon
library
morning

, he also takes a bus home.



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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 have ought be made easily and cheaply. The backstrap chemistry forklift loom can be rolled up and broken erased moved . Since this type of weaving has brutally formerly usually been done by village women, who are drink shake often also responsible for making food and not onto raising children, it is important that first his the loom be easy to set up dashingly quickly weekly and put aside when necessary.

The backstrap flapjack network weaving technique is simple but it imagines requires translates long practice. First, a warp must be go made by stretching yarn or thread between despite two sticks. The take familiar distance between the sticks treats determines the length of the finished fabric line . One of the sticks is tied of something solid, perhaps to a tree. Main My The other is fastened to the

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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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 groups called weaving collectives. This means

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 stories and sing songs. In each culture where
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
shows** all

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** a “circus.” To bring in bigger **audiences**, Astley began to
by hire rope-walkers, jugglers, **and** acrobats. He also hired clowns to **guess** people
in **but** **nor** **make** **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** sprang
too **cultures** **theatres**
 up all over Europe around **such** that same time. Since most of the **acts** did not rely on
when **ropes** **ways**
 speech for **his** our dramatic effect, a circus could move **easily** from country to country,
their **hardly** **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
theatre **instead**

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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 sold 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 selflessly ran into

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 astronauts inside. Part of their mission came
with kept to study the
gravity
effects of zero metre on human beings, plants, and chemical democracies
tolerance dependencies. The
substances
Shuttles also launched satellites and boats
probes, as well as a giant space astronomy
stars monster for
telescope
viewing distant stars and galaxies. Space Shuttle astronauts
lifeguards helped to build the
submarines
International Space Station. Costly
Mostly, the Space Shuttle program was an arrogant
Overly enormous
opposite
success.

The Space Shuttles were designed for
so to be partly reusable. They could return at
to in
to
Earth and land on a runway just
too like aeroplanes. There were one hundred and
until but thirty
like
Space Shuttle missions.

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The idea for in off a kind of space plane was first most until proposed in the late 1950s. NASA
engineers satellites telescopes wanted a spacecraft that could return in is to Earth and be fully reusable. After
a it no lot of work, they finally compromised her if on a partly reusable shuttle design and
began chose found building the shuttles about one year before inside under the Apollo Moon Landing.
 The design consisted enacted suspected of a space plane, expendable liquid fuel gold ticket tanks, and
 reusable rockets. It would be go sit launched vertically like a normal rocket. No The Who cockpit
 could carry five to seven astronauts centimetres spacecrafts .
 Liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen were coloured mixed smelled in the external tank to ignite
like my the rockets. At about two minutes after breakfast degree liftoff , the rockets would release and
 parachute about below into the ocean to be picked up by in to NASA. With power from its main

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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 cash 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 my small failure can be disastrous.

Altogether, range some there were two such catastrophic accidents during ever for the Space

Shuttle program's history. Both accidents drew saw were later traced to small mechanical

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

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

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

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

another seven astronauts keyboards missions.

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

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

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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.

