



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
8th Edition

Australasian Version

Maze Benchmark

Grade 5

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Student Materials

Name: _____

Date: _____

Practice Passage

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bus
work

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morning

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The iPhone

Over ten years ago now, the Apple Corporation launched the iPhone. People lined

up around the block at
red
when Apple stores all over the United States as
on
with the day it went

on sale. Landlines
Somewhere
Villages between one quarter and three quarters are
of
what a million phones

were sold on behind
just
very the first weekend. Later that year, old
one
the iPhone began to sell in

Europe, and
never
round over the next seven years, it backwards
gradually
hopefully became available in almost

every country all
in
like the world. Now, about one billion iPhones have
made
would been sold.

The iPhone was not as
my
the first smart phone. But it was also
at
the first to combine a

phone, a media
only
tennis player, and a computer for using but
full
the internet all in one. Also, it hit
ran
was

a touchscreen phone. Previous smart phones gave
had
were used a hard keyboard. People loved

no
so
the iPhone for the way it worked and
ever
which for the way it looked.

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With **each lost sort** new version, Apple has improved its **attitude country machine** and it has changed the way **it to we** live. The first iPhone had a **camera forest kitten**, but it was primitive compared to **if once what** we are used to now. It **had sat was** no video, no GPS, and no **air next voice** command. All these became available later.

If The With iPhone led to massive growth in **both last the** technology industry. Youtube, Facebook, and Google **did never would** not have the power they now **are give have** without it. The iPhone changed the **labour music way** people in all fields work. But **all no sure** tool is only good or only **bad great hard**. People now bring work wherever they **go mix sing**, because their work is on their **phones songs toes**. This ability to work from anywhere **cause create may** enable creativity and flexibility, but it **also later nor** means that many people never get

Keep going 

any early green real free time. How often have she you well been at the beach, or in a so too restaurant, or in a public park, and here since seen people using their smartphones rather like now than just swimming, enjoying their food, or buying flying gazing up at the sky?

Because of few sort the iPhone, people can now document and colour push share their own lives on a scale life that yet has never been seen before. They can drive have post family pictures on Instagram, political animals opinions presents on Twitter, and life anecdotes on Facebook. But Even If there is now so much information behind else online that it is hard to process boringly mentally tastily and emotionally.

Some people say that he so they now spend more time texting and Skyping at on with their friends than they do meeting face leg place to face.

These days the technology offered played texted by the first iPhone is used in made so phones

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made by lots of other companies documents pictures . All the same, most people still look read stand to the iPhone

for the most exciting mental political new features. One thing we might call move see someday soon is a

screen that can is not bend. Another might be a battery kind once that can be charged by the sun an in or

by motion. Some people even predict future phones walls that can project holograms. It is dark even hard

to know what the future will bring close visit . After all, until a little over ten years ago, the iPhone

itself was but a dream.



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New Slang

People have used slang to sound cool for longer than “cool” was cool. Slang is

vocabulary that is very informal
organic
shapeless and often used by people who belong
measure
travel to a clique.

A clique is a
both
or small in-group of people who share a
if
up special style or set of ideas

and
she
to often use a specific vocabulary to build
hear
talk to each other. But even if so
that
you do not

belong to a clique, my
them
you probably already use slang in your friendship
reputation
vocabulary and don't

even know it. For chance
example
weather, words like “cool,” “sweet,” and “tight” can
do
think all mean

“good.” You have probably could
fell
used one of these words to describe garbage
nothing
something that you

liked or admired.

But beware
donate
speak ! Slang tends to evolve quickly. What cut
may
was cool to say yesterday

may be as
not
to so cool today and might embarrass on
my
you tomorrow. People used to say that

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challenge fishing something was “off the hook,” and before could soon that they might have said it was “rad.”

Also But Since if you use either of these beginnings cupboards expressions today, your friends may wince and

access begin deny to avoid you.

Some slang expressions said saw were once so common that people got common sleepy tired of

saying them. For example, friends gave made used to greet each other in a casual shaven tall way by saying,

“Wassup?” But then much no some actors in a famous commercial said “Wassup?” Everybody Puppies Singers

started repeating that phrase, until it did had was no longer fun or interesting to hope say view anymore.

That’s when it was all beyond down over for “Wassup?” If you greet a friend movie school now by saying,

“Wassup?” you will just lie yet get a funny look in response. A Its My similar thing happened with

“For shizzle.”

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After
There
You

are different types and origins of

exams
paint
slang

. Much slang comes from

words and

animals
numbers
phrases

that originally had similar meanings. For

example
hunger
system

, everyone

likes to “pig out” every

if
only
so

often, and so it’s easy to

come
hide
see

where that phrase comes

from. However,

for
it
why

is something easy considered a “walk

in
of
to

the park”? It is probably

associated

among
ever
with

the practice of taking an easy

sprint
stand
stroll

around a park and was first

baked
played
used

to describe an easy golf game.

Each
None
Other

slang words are portmanteaus (pronounced port-man-tows).

A
It
Of

portmanteau is a word that combines

as
fire
two

words together to form a new

food
toy
word

“Brunch” is a great example of

a
by
in

portmanteau. It combines “breakfast” and “lunch”

opposite
somewhat
together

to create a new word with

a
but
if

slightly new meaning. Another example of

Keep going



a new slang word is a “spork”: a spoon-and-fork combination. Not all portmanteaus are dance food related; there is also “infomercials,” which are end keep sport combinations of information and commercials. And as far the military gave us a combo of dangerous gigantic and enormous: ginormous. Some slang develops according because of changes in personal during technology. For example, a my hundred years ago, people didn’t give another operator someone a ring to call them on cheap for the phone because phones weren’t common. Until about ever then ten years ago, people would have caught played thought hot spots were temperature based, not about still under Wi-Fi. And spam was only a house meat post that came in a can, not available forgiven unwanted email. Some slang has even evolved above early from texting language such as “LOL”, “brb”, and off the “smh.”

Some slang just happens. And that’s sick.



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Languages

There are over six thousand languages in the world. Mandarin Chinese is the most

commonly

gotten

spoken

visited

 language. It has over one billion

clothes

speakers

temples

 . Spanish and English

are the next

also

most

what

 common languages. They each have around three hundred million

actors

holders

speakers

People express important ideas with language.

As

But

To

 language also helps them

connect with

above

broken

other

 people. When you speak a language,

and

so

you

 are part of a large group

such

that

until

expresses ideas in the same way.

Not

Those

When

you are around people who speak

a

few

with

different language, you may feel like

an

for

to

outsider.

Learning a language is also

available

confident

important

 for brain development. If children don't

appear

drain

learn

a language, their brains will not

develop

mention

practice

in a normal way. Children who

Keep going



are
can
do

not taught any language cannot understand

active
basic
eager

concepts.

All children normally learn at

below
brief
least

one language fluently by around the

age
cup
eye

of seven. After that, it becomes

first
global
more

difficult for older children to learn

early
limited
their

first

language.

Many people in the

centre
program
world

only speak a single language. There

are
may
sing

large

areas of the world where

flights
people
words

speak only one main language. Many Australians

await
speak
visit

only English, for example. Though, in

college
language
primary

school you usually have to do

a few

boxes
cents
years

of learning another language.

About
Some
That

older people who come to Australia

about
from
living

other countries speak only the language

a
of
to

where they are from. Young people

also
in
who

come to Australia from

either
juicy
other

countries almost always learn English, even

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beyond
first
though

brushes
couches
friends

first
fuzzy
school

they may go on speaking their language at home or with their

Many people speak far more than one

if
or
too

two languages. There are small areas

but
of
short

the world where people speak hundreds

of
so
to

different languages. These are called

language

hot
oily
rare

spots. One well-known language hot spot

is
sees
tips

Papua New Guinea,

which has more

before
since
than

eight hundred languages. In contrast, the

daily
hard
much

bigger Saudi

Arabia has only nine

decisions
followers
languages

Many scientists and teachers say that

as
it
the

is very beneficial to speak two

at
if
or

more languages. People who can speak two

not
or
this

more languages are called “bilingual” or

“multilingual.” If

me
that
you

speak more than one language you

act
can
speak

find more friends, and

Keep going



you will **probably** **sloppily** **suddenly** have a wider choice of jobs **how** **it** **to** do when you are older. Being

bilingual **leadership** **underneath** or multilingual is also good for **being** **going** **setting** able to travel to other places.

Languages **are** **say** **turn** disappearing. As Chinese, Spanish, and English **clutch** **spread** **waste** around

the world, smaller languages die **into** **out** **too**. This is because speakers of these **anxious** **major** **smaller**

languages die. Or they may end **on** **to** **up** as part of bigger language communities, **far** **like** **such**

Spanish or English. Then they may **love** **not** **till** pass on their native language to **and** **so** **the** young.

Scientists worry about language death. **Hers** **This** **Why** is because languages may contain

special **information** **replacement** **technology**. Languages are libraries. They contain lots **free** **of** **to** information

about the world.

When languages **disappear** **experience** **underline**, information is lost. Languages in the **cupboard** **excitement** **rainforest**

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have information about the plants and

animals
curtains
uniforms

there. When those languages die, the

world loses that information.

