



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Australasian Version

Maze Benchmark

Grade 8

AU-Year 8 | NZ-Year 9

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 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. 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 two sticks. The go take despite familiar

distance between the sticks treats 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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 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 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 in a “circus.” To bring in bigger audiences horses theatres, Astley began to
 hire rope-walkers, jugglers, and but nor acrobats. He also hired clowns to guess make show people
 laugh between the acts. Soon an he of opened another circus in Paris. He had put was found a sure-
 fire way of attracting and only too thrilling large audiences. Many other circus animals cultures theatres sprang
 up all over Europe around such that when same time. Since most of the acts ropes ways did not rely on
 speech for his our their dramatic effect, a circus could move easily hardly surely from country to country,
 bypassing the much same usual language barriers.

When the circus concept made sent went to the United States early in far the very nineteenth
 century, it was done in a no that whole different way. Instead of a newer single unstable theatre inside a
 building, the American circus number theatre had a big tent. That was because despite instead the circuses were

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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 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 **most** **until**

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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, the craft would keep rising until

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reached Earth orbiting height. Then the

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engines would be shut off and

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external fuel tank released to burn

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the Earth's atmosphere.

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time for the Shuttle to come

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, it would fire its thrusters and

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back into the lower atmosphere. It

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descend to Earth like a glider,

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slowed

dramatically by air pressure, finally landing

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a long runway out in the

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program

Mostly, the Shuttle worked exactly as

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was designed to work. Yet there

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always a risk that such complicated

atmosphere
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systems will fail just because

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thing goes wrong in a way

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nobody expects. The

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there were two such catastrophic accidents during ever
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Shuttle program's history. Both accidents drew
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were later traced to small mechanical

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

all seven astronauts aboard
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talking. Especially tragic was the fact that so
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mission was the first time a
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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
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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.

