



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

*Maze* Benchmark

Grade 2

Student Materials



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Practice Passage

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## Working Together

Cindy and Anne were practicing for their big game. They both were on the soccer team and liked to practice at home.

They used the field behind Anne's . They set up a net for goal. When the sun was shining got hot and thirsty. On those they drank a lot of water.

is a hard game. You do of fast running and dodging when play it. Kicking the ball takes and lots of mental focus. It to pace yourself so that you get too tired out too soon.

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Anne the captain and she scored most  
the points for the team. Cindy the goalie. The girls took  
turns the ball and practicing their moves. big  
game was coming on Sunday they wanted to make sure  
they ready.

“We will win the game you score a lot of points  
us,” said Cindy.

“If we work as a team, we will win  
game,” said Anne.

Cindy looked at Anne smiled. She said, “I think

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you \_\_\_\_\_ right. Let's just make sure we \_\_\_\_\_ together

as a team. The team \_\_\_\_\_ works together best always wins,

don't \_\_\_\_\_?"

They went on playing for another \_\_\_\_\_. It was very hot.

They stopped \_\_\_\_\_ drink water.

Cindy said, "I think \_\_\_\_\_ work together well out there."

Anne \_\_\_\_\_, "We are good friends and we

how to play this game. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a good team. Everybody

on \_\_\_\_\_ team is strong and smart. Everybody

how to work together. If we \_\_\_\_\_ it up I know we will

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.”

The day for the big game . The team gathered in  
their huddle the coach gave them a pep . Half  
way through the game, Anne Cindy’s team was down  
by two .

Anne said, “We can win this , if we all work  
together. We do it!”

The team went back the field and played better  
than ever did. They won the game the coach  
told them he was of them all. The championship game

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next week. The girls knew they had to practice 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 kids would like him. He worried a lot about this the night before his first day at the new school. It was hard to get to sleep, so he worried so much.

He would be the new kid in the third grade. What if nobody wanted to be his friend? What if they all laughed at him?

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Just the thought of being \_\_\_\_\_ at made Eric very sad.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ himself going off alone to unwrap \_\_\_\_\_ eat his  
lunch sadly in a \_\_\_\_\_ of the school cafeteria. He shook  
\_\_\_\_\_ head hard, as if to shake \_\_\_\_\_ this thought. But  
still, he couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ feeling anxious.

When Eric woke up \_\_\_\_\_ the first morning that he  
was \_\_\_\_\_ to go to his new school, \_\_\_\_\_ did not feel  
happy. He wanted \_\_\_\_\_ say that he was feeling  
sick, \_\_\_\_\_ that he could stay home. He \_\_\_\_\_ want to  
lie, but he didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the new school,

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Then he smelled something wonderful. It \_\_\_\_\_ the smell  
of freshly cooked pancakes. \_\_\_\_\_ made him happy, because  
pancakes were \_\_\_\_\_ favorite breakfast food. He jumped out  
\_\_\_\_\_ bed and quickly got dressed for \_\_\_\_\_.

As he ate the steaming hot \_\_\_\_\_, his mother asked him  
if he \_\_\_\_\_ excited about starting at the new \_\_\_\_\_. Eric  
shrugged. She ran her hand \_\_\_\_\_ his hair. "Don't worry," she  
said. "\_\_\_\_\_ be the most popular kid in \_\_\_\_\_. I just know  
it."

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He shrugged \_\_\_\_\_, making a sour face, but he  
smiled. His mother was always so \_\_\_\_\_ at cheering him up.

Eric's dad \_\_\_\_\_ him to school and parked at  
curb. He said, "Keep your chin \_\_\_\_\_ and have a great day  
at \_\_\_\_\_. I know you'll make lots of \_\_\_\_\_ friends  
here."

Eric got out of \_\_\_\_\_ car and walked to where the  
\_\_\_\_\_ were lining up. He saw his \_\_\_\_\_ and got in  
line. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ in front of him turned around,  
out his hand to shake, and \_\_\_\_\_, "Hi, I'm Ted and I'm new

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. What's your name?"

Eric shook Ted's \_\_\_\_\_, smiling widely. He said, "Wow!

I'm \_\_\_\_\_ 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 in strange places or ancient times.

He liked to read about people going on quests and wild adventures.

When Jason picked up a book, he saw all that was in the story. He felt what the people in the book felt.

He tasted what they tasted. He smelled what they smelled. It was like living a completely different life.

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One summer day, Jason reading right after  
breakfast. At noon, was still reading. It was a book  
people in ancient times. There were battles  
in it. There was a only a little older than he  
, going on strange adventures. As Jason the  
book, he stayed still so he could keep his mind on  
story.

Jason felt he was in the of a big battle. He was  
a horse. He was shooting arrows. the battle  
was over, he rode horse down to a river to

**Keep going** 

water. The horse also drank water.                      were both  
covered in dust and                      were both thirsty.

Jason's mother knocked                      his door. This made  
him sit                      . For a few seconds he did                      know  
where he was, or who                      was.

“Jason,” she said. “Go outside,                      . It's time for you  
to get                      fresh air.”

So, Jason got up                      his bed. He was still carrying  
book with his forefinger in it                      mark the page  
he had been                      . He walked down the stairs still

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it. He went out into the \_\_\_\_\_ and sat underneath an oak  
tree. \_\_\_\_\_ was quiet and peaceful there. He  
reading.

He had many adventures that \_\_\_\_\_. At the end of his  
adventures, \_\_\_\_\_ was standing in a big church.

wore a shining suit and polished \_\_\_\_\_. Organ music boomed.

A woman in \_\_\_\_\_ long, white dress and a lace

came walking slowly up the aisle. \_\_\_\_\_ stood facing him as

the priest \_\_\_\_\_ to speak.

Just then his mother \_\_\_\_\_ out, “Jason! Time for dinner!”

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Jason                    up, startled, and looked around. The  
was almost gone, and he was                    in deep shade. The air  
was blue.                    were singing. The whole day had gone by  
while he was reading his book.

