



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
8th Edition

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
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Correct: _____

Incorrect: _____

Adjusted Score: _____

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 house. They set up a net for his goal. When the sun was shining so hot and thirsty. On those days they drank a lot of water.

Apple Soccer is a hard game. You do plenty of fast running and dodging when he play it. Kicking the ball takes

morning puppies strength and lots of mental focus. It helps to pace yourself so that you aren't get too tired out too soon.

Keep going



Anne **put** ran **was** the captain and she scored most **from** her **of**

the points for the team. Cindy **met** sang **was** the goalie. The girls took

turns **helping** kicking **posting** the ball and practicing their moves. **Down** Their **big** When

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 points

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

Keep going 

you **are** talk right. Let's just make sure we **hop** stop together
turn **work**

as a team. The team **he** soon works together best always wins,
that

don't **she** they ?"
what

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** fill
replied **know**

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

on the **play** team is strong and smart. Everybody **hides** gives
which **knows**

how to work together. If we **keep** let it up I know we will
put

Keep going 

need
skip
win

The day for the big game arrived. The team gathered in
chatted. The team gathered in
slept
their huddle and the coach gave them a pep play
if the coach gave them a pep soda. Half
nor talk
way through the game, Anne and Cindy's team was down
in
only
by two blocks
cones
points.

Anne said, "We can win this dog
fan game, if we all work
game
together. We can do it!"
play
run

The team went back like on the field and played better
plus
than he ever did. They won the game and down the coach
they
proud
told them he was scared of them all. The championship game
sorry

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flew
knew
was

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 **new** **old** kids would like him. He **used** worried **a** **or** lot about this the night before **his** **no** first **some** **real** day at the new school. **Any** **It** was hard to get to sleep, **So** **because** **instead** he worried so much. **though**

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

Keep going 

Just the thought of being laughed at made Eric very sad.
He ate himself going off alone to unwrap and eat his
saw was himself going off alone to unwrap next out
lunch sadly in a corner lunch table of the school cafeteria. He shook
his top head hard, as if to shake hand this thought. But
very still, he couldn't help feeling anxious.

When Eric woke up on the first morning that he
was supposed to go to his new school, he
thought wrapped nor did not feel
happy. He wanted some to say that he was feeling
who sick, so that he could stay home. He didn't
up hadn't want to
lie, but he didn't eat to go to the new school,
want

Keep going 

either
every
instead

Then he smelled something wonderful. It **did** **saw** **was** the smell
of freshly cooked pancakes. **School** **Smell** made him happy, because
pancakes were **for** **his** **rare** favorite 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 popular kid in **library** **school** **teacher**. I just know
it.”

Keep going 

He shrugged **again**, making a sour face, but he **also** **never** **yet** **none** **yet** **away** **good** **okay** **part** **red** **the** **drove** **smiled** **walked** **on** **to** **up** **library** **practice** **school** **new** **one** **ready** **friends** **here.**”

Eric got out of **all** **side** **the** **cars** **friends** **kids** **class** **day** **link** **dancing** **planning** **standing** **held** **shook** **stood** **lined** **said** **said**, “Hi, I’m Ted and I’m new

Keep going 

either
here . What's your name?"
very

Eric shook Ted's hand , smiling widely. He said, "Wow!
book
leg

first
I'm new here, too!"
shook

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 strange places or ancient times.
or

He ate
cut to read about people going on easy
liked heroic quests and
tall

wild adventures.

When Jason did
read a book, he saw all that happened
went planned
as tested
in the story. He felt what no people in the book felt.
the

He pulled
sang what they tasted. He smelled what our
tasted she
they

smelled. It was like living a corner
sugar different life.
whole

Keep going



One summer day, Jason **cooked** reading right after **walked** breakfast. At noon, **he** was still reading. It was a book **of** about **to** people in ancient times. There were **big** battles **fat** in it. There was a **boy** only a little older than he **place** **story** did **put**, going on strange adventures. As Jason **read** the **was** **sat** book, he stayed still so **as** of **that** he could keep his mind on **big** so **the** story.

Jason felt he was in the **class** **middle** of a big battle. He was **coming** **flying** a horse. He was shooting arrows. **Behind** the battle **riding** **Down** was over, he rode **his** out **up** horse down to a river to

Keep going 

drink
read
wash

water. The horse also drank water.

Any
They
You

were both

covered in dust and
many
they
what

were both thirsty.

Jason's mother knocked

be
it
on

his door. This made

him sit
but
like
up

. For a few seconds he did

but
not
to

know

where he was, or

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

Keep going 

it. He went out into the desk and sat underneath an oak
yard
Any called
tree. It was quiet and peaceful there. He had
So kept
reading.

He had many adventures that afternoon. At the end of his
blueberry
furniture
adventures, he was standing in a big church. He
my some
Some

wore a shining suit and polished boots. Organ music boomed.
water

A woman in a long, white dress and a lace guest
is to piano
to veil
came walking slowly up the aisle. Our She stood facing him as
Them

the priest began to speak.
played
washed

Just then his mother hinted
laughed
shouted out, "Jason! Time for dinner!"

Keep going 

Jason sat lay up, startled, and looked around. The breakfast sunlight went wedding
was almost gone, and he was digging pulling in deep shade. The air sitting
was blue. Crickets Letters were singing. The whole day had gone by Parties
while he was reading his book.

