



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
8th Edition

Maze Benchmark

Grade 5

Student Materials

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Practice Passage

Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he takes a school _____ to go to school. In the _____, he also takes a bus home.



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The iPhone

Over ten years ago now, the Apple Corporation launched the iPhone. People lined up around the block at Apple stores all over the United States the day it went on sale. Between one quarter and three quarters of a million phones were sold on the first weekend. Later that year, the iPhone began to sell in Europe, and over the next seven years, it became available in almost every country around the world. Now, about one billion iPhones have been sold.

The iPhone was not the first smart phone. But it was the first to combine a phone, a music player, and a computer for using the internet all in one. Also, it was a touchscreen phone. Previous smart phones used a hard keyboard. People loved the iPhone for the way it worked and for the way it looked.

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With _____ new version, Apple has improved its _____ and it has changed the way _____ live. The first iPhone had a _____, but it was primitive compared to _____ we are used to now. There _____ no video, no GPS, and no _____ command. All these became available later.

_____ iPhone led to massive growth in _____ technology industry. Youtube, Facebook, and Google _____ not have the power they now _____ without it. The iPhone changed the _____ people in all fields work.

But _____ tool is only good or only _____. People now bring work wherever they _____, because their work is on their _____. This ability to work from anywhere _____ enable creativity and flexibility, but it _____ means that many people never get

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real free time. How often have been at the beach, or in restaurant, or in a public park, seen people using their smartphones rather than just swimming, enjoying their food, or looking up at the sky?

Because of the iPhone, people can now document and share their own lives on a scale that has never been seen before. They post family pictures on Instagram, political opinions on Twitter, and life anecdotes on Facebook. There is now so much information available that it is hard to process it all and emotionally. Some people say that people now spend more time texting and Skyping their friends than they do meeting them to face.

These days the technology that was pioneered by the first iPhone is used in smartphones

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made by lots of other . All the same, most people still to the iPhone
for the most new features. One thing we might someday soon is a
screen that bend. Another might be a battery can be charged by the sun
by motion. Some people even predict that can project holograms. It is
to know what the future will . 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 _____ and often used by people who _____ to a clique. A clique is _____ small in-group of people who share _____ special style or set of ideas _____ often use a specific vocabulary to _____ to each other. But even if _____ do not belong to a clique, _____ probably already use slang in your _____ and didn’t even know it. For _____, words like “cool,” “sweet,” and “tight” _____ all mean “good.” You have probably _____ one of these words to describe _____ that you liked or admired.

But _____ ! Slang tends to evolve quickly. What _____ cool to say yesterday may be _____ so cool today and might embarrass _____ tomorrow. People used to say that

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was “off the hook,” and before they might have said it was “rad.”

if you use either of these today, your friends may wince and

to avoid you.

Some slang expressions once so common that people got of

saying them. For example, friends to greet each other in a way by saying,

“Wassup?” But then actors in a famous commercial said “Wassup?”

started repeating that phrase, until it no longer fun or interesting to anymore.

That’s when it was all for “Wassup?” If you greet a now by saying,

“Wassup?” you will get a funny look in response. similar thing happened with

“For shizzle.”

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are different types and origins of . Much slang comes from words and that originally had similar meanings. For , everyone likes to “pig out” every often, and so it’s easy to where that phrase comes from. However, is something easy considered a “walk the park”? It is probably associated the practice of taking an easy around the park and was first to describe an easy golf game.

slang words are portmanteaus (pronounced port-man-tows). portmanteau is a word that combines words together to form a new . “Brunch” is a great example of portmanteau. It combines “breakfast” and “lunch” to create a new word with slightly new meaning. Another example of

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new slang word is a “spork”: spoon-and-fork combination. Not all portmanteaus are related; there is also “infomercials,” which combinations of information and commercials. And military gave us a combo of and enormous: ginormous. Some slang develops of changes in technology. For example, hundred years ago, people didn’t give a ring to call them on phone because phones weren’t common. Until ten years ago, people would have hot spots were temperature based, not Wi-Fi. And spam was only a that came in a can, not email. Some slang has even evolved texting language such as “LOL”, “brb”, “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 _____ language. It has over one billion _____. Spanish and English are the next _____ common languages. They each have around three hundred million _____.

People express important ideas with language. _____ language also helps them connect with _____ people. When you speak a language, _____ are part of a large group _____ expresses ideas in the same way. _____ you are around people who speak _____ different language, you may feel like _____ outsider.

Learning a language is also _____ for brain development. If children don't _____ a language, their brains will not _____ in a normal way. Children who

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not taught any language cannot understand concepts.

All children normally learn at one language fluently by around the
of seven. After that, it becomes difficult for older children to learn first
language.

Many people in the only speak a single language. There large
areas of the world where speak only one main language. Many Americans

only English, for example, though to from college you must usually
take two of classes in a foreign language. older people who come to the

United States other countries speak only the language where they are from.

Young people come to the United States from countries almost always

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learn English, even they may go on speaking their language at home or with their .

Many people speak far more than one two languages. There are small areas the world where people speak hundreds different languages. These are called language spots. One well-known language hot spot Papua New Guinea, which has more eight hundred languages. In contrast, the bigger Saudi Arabia has only nine .

Many scientists and teachers say that is very beneficial to speak two more languages. People who can speak two more languages are called “bilingual.” If speak more than one language you find more friends, and you will

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have a wider choice of jobs do when you are older. Being
or “multilingual” is also good for able to travel other places.

Languages disappearing. As Chinese, Spanish, and English around
the world, smaller languages die . This is because speakers of these
languages die. Or they may decide be part of bigger language communities,
Spanish or English. Then they may pass on their native language to young.

Scientists worry about language death. is because languages may contain
special . Languages are libraries. They contain lots information
about the world.

When languages , information is lost. Languages in the

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have information about the plants and

there. When those languages die, the

world loses that information.

