



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
8th Edition

Maze Benchmark EOY

Grade 6

Student Materials

Name: _____ Date: _____

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.



Correct: _____

Incorrect: _____

Adjusted Score: _____

Popcorn

Do you buy a big box of popcorn when you go to a movie? If so, you are
engaging in a tradition that goes back thousands of years. Archaeological
evidence of popcorn has been found in Mexico going back five thousand years.
Popcorn has long been eaten as a popular snack in the United States because it is
inexpensive and tasty.

In the United States, popcorn is traditionally eaten with salt and butter. In
other countries, popcorn may be covered with sugar, caramel, chocolate, condensed milk,
cheese, jalapeño juice, or even bacon.

Only some strains of corn can be used as popcorn. Popcorn kernels have
tough outer hulls and starchy interiors. The kernel is not ready to be popped until the first

Keep going 

harvested because it is too . So, growers dry the kernels until reach about
fifteen percent moisture. When heat source is applied, this moisture to steam
and builds up pressure. hard interior becomes softer. Eventually, the
becomes so great that the outer ruptures and the inside puffs up twenty to fifty
times the size the original kernel.

Popcorn is easy make. All you need is a and a heat source. People once
popcorn over campfires or stovetops. Although easy to cook,
heating the kernels fast or too slow can result partially popped, burned, or
unexploded kernels. avoid this, people all over the have designed machines
that can heat kernels at the right speed and . Using oil or butter also

Keep going 

helps distribute heat evenly.

In China and Korea, is heated in a sealed canister. the pressure inside reaches a certain , the canister is loaded into a and the seal released.

All the explodes at once.

The steam powered maker was invented in Chicago in last century. It was loaded onto carts so that the snack could sold throughout the city. At that the popcorn was usually sold in paper bags. People also bought bags popcorn at carnivals and fairs all the country. Popcorn caught on because is a cheap and healthy snack.

movie theaters started opening all over United States, popcorn

Keep going 

vendors began parking carts in front of the theaters. would sell bags of

popcorn to walking by on the street as as to people going inside to

the movies. After some time had , movie theater managers saw that they

make an added profit by making selling popcorn in the theater lobbies.

theater managers did not like to this, because if the movie was people in

the audience would throw at the screen. But in the , almost all movie

theaters sold popcorn.

has historically been a very stable since it is inexpensive to

grow make. Therefore, when other snack and candy businesses failed during the

Great Depression or during World War II, popcorn growers and popcorn machine makers

Keep going 

both survived and prospered.

