



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
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Maze Benchmark MOY

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: _____

Blizzards of the United States

Blizzard is a term used to describe a kind of massive storm that covers everything with snow. Usually, blizzards also have strong winds and extreme cold.

Blizzards in the United States are caused by cold, dry air moving from the north and colliding with warm, humid air rising up from the south. They are most common in the Great Plains, Great Lakes, and the Northeast. Cold fronts from the Pacific Ocean colliding with warm air from the Gulf of Mexico cause blizzards in the Midwest. Winds become strong in prairie areas that are flat and free of trees. When cold air from eastern Canada meets warm fronts, it can cause major blizzards in New England.

When a blizzard hits, it may dump as much as twenty-five feet of snow.

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when a blizzard hits, many public _____ get shut down. Buses and trains
running, and schools are closed. Snowdrifts _____ cover roads and train tracks
and _____ reach up as high as telephone _____ and the upper stories of buildings.
_____ may cover barns and other places _____ food is grown or stored.
Also, _____ are often made to stay indoors, _____ if they want to go out
_____ play in the snow, because of _____ risk of frostbite from the severe _____ and
blasting winds. When people know _____ blizzard is on its way they _____ stock up on
food in case _____ storm lasts for longer than a _____ or so and buy extra flashlight
_____ and candles just in case the _____ goes out.

Storm warnings on TV _____ radio stations tell people that they _____ stay at

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home while the blizzard _____, and not go out driving in _____ cars unless it is necessary. The _____ amount of windblown snow can make _____ hard to see where you are _____. That is why drivers try to _____ off the road and airplanes are grounded until the storm lifts.

Very _____ blizzards may become historic events. In _____ United States there are storms that _____ still remembered for their sudden severity _____ the problems they caused. For instance, _____ the fall of 1880 a blizzard _____ the Midwest in October, covering crops _____ had not yet been harvested. Snow _____ buildings and stopped train service. Then _____ after storm hit until March. One _____ the longest of these storms lasted _____ nine days. Many people could not _____ their

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homes for months at a time, and those who did often had to dig tunnels from their front doors. When the snow melted that spring, there were enormous floods that covered the plains and washed whole towns away.

In March of 1993 a blizzard called the Storm of the Century struck the east coast of the United States. The extent of the storm system was massive. It stretched from Canada into Central America. Snow fell in areas where snow is extremely rare, such as Florida and Alabama. Ten million people on the east coast lost electric

power. Blizzards are nothing to take lightly. Whenever there is a blizzard warning, it is best to be prepared for the worst.

