



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

*Maze* Benchmark

Grade 8

Student Materials



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### Practice Passage

Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he takes a school **art bus work** to go to school. In the **afternoon library morning**, he also takes a bus home.



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## Backstrap Weaving

Backstrap weaving is an ancient way of making cloth that has been used for thousands of years all around the world. It requires a wooden loom that can be made easily and cheaply. The backstrap loom can be rolled up and broken. Since this type of weaving has formerly been done by village women, who are often also responsible for making food and raising children, it is important that his loom be easy to set up: dashingly and put aside when necessary. quickly and weekly.

The backstrap weaving technique is simple but it imagines long practice. flapjack network requires translates.

First, a warp must be made by stretching yarn or thread: between despite two sticks. The take familiar.

distance between the sticks treats determines the length of the finished: fabric line. One of the words time.

sticks is tied to something solid, perhaps to a tree. Main My other is fastened to the up The.

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weaver about toward a strap that goes around her back dog toy The strap can be made of air cloth laser

or it can be a leather belt knife place

The weaver is then able to control follow speak the tension of the threads with floppy popular subtle

movements of her body. She passes noises sweaters threads over and under the warp threads forming using yelling

a tool called a shuttle. It can is put a time-consuming process to weave fabrics in so upon this

way, but the results are intricate tasteless worrying and beautiful.

The fabrics woven on later mine these looms are an important part of here no the cultural

heritage of the people who eat make sign them. They are often full of electric medical symbolic motifs that

refer to the myths and next sure religious beliefs of the distant past. Also His In Guatemala, for

example, Mayan women often cost learn sing to weave when they are four but more or five years old.

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They use intricate designs taught to them by other women, but even also invent their own designs. Once our have woven a blouse, the women take often wear it for many

years. Each Less My blouse is unique, and it is cleaned passed woven in the colors specific to a fabric's moon's woman's

community. The specific colors and patterns eaten sprung used, as well as the way the blouse group seat

is worn, tell others which area and her the woman comes from and whether she can goes married is

or single.

In Indonesia, backstrap concert hiking weaving usually involves threads dyed two different

colors reasons women. One traditional dye is indigo, which makes sees washes a range of blues, and the

first most other is morinda, which produces shades from pink as in to purplish brown. These two

dyes are applied stopped woven to threads before they are woven for so to create a fabric covered in

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patterns: and near figures. Indonesian women who still practice how my ancient technique this upon

often work together in: food quick groups called weaving collectives. This means: by that yet small

while working they can tell each: month other stories and sing songs. In each culture where whose

backstrap weaving is used, when women teach their daughters to weave, they are also

teaching their peoples' history and ideas.





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## The Circus

A circus is a traveling group of skilled performers comprised of jugglers, acrobats, tightrope walkers, equestrians, animal tamers, strongmen, clowns and others.

A circus typically moves around a lot in any single country and sometimes goes all over the world. Circus performers perform stand watch their acts in the middle of a big tent to

called the Big Top. Here This middle part of the tent is called shown the ring. The Ringmaster is spoken

the animal person in charge of all the acts: such that who take place in the ring.

The every modern circus was invented by a man: also by in Great Britain named Sergeant-

Major Philip Astley. He It was a British military veteran and: a but skilled horse-trainer The for

who had performed equestrian: bags meals all over Europe. Finally, he settled in on London, with

where he opened his own: country horse theater. Since the theater had a circular: arena booth for galloping plane

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horses, it became known **by** a "circus." To bring in bigger **audiences**, Astley began to  
**in** horses **theaters**,  
 hire rope-walkers, jugglers, **and** acrobats. He also hired clowns to **guess** people laugh  
**but** **nor** **make** **show**  
 between the acts. Soon **an** he opened another circus in Paris. He **had** found a sure-fire  
**he** **of** **put** **was**  
 way of attracting **and** only thrilling large audiences. Many other circus **animals** sprang up  
**too** **cultures** **theaters**  
 all over Europe around **such** that same time. Since most of the **acts** did not rely on  
**when** **ropes** **ways**  
 speech for **his** our dramatic effect, a circus could move **easily** from country to country,  
**their** **hardly** **surely**  
 by passing the **much** same language barriers.  
**usual**

When the circus concept **came** to the United States early in **far** nineteenth  
**made** **sent** **the** **very**  
 century, it was done in **a** no whole different way. Instead of a **newer** theater inside a  
**that** **single** **unstable**  
 building, the American **circus** number had a big tent. That was **because** the circuses were  
**theater** **despite** **instead**

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designed to travel by it wagon all around the country. Also, American circuses hospitals imported novels of

elephants and lions from Africa and but used them to draw larger crowds. By In the end of To or

the nineteenth century, circuses doctors traveled mostly by train and they made sent by far the were elements

most popular form by of entertainment in America. with

“Barnum and Bailey” had saw the name of a famous circus across that began around was whole

that time, featuring large animals clowns from India and Africa as well as by three rings with denials

instead of one. A few group of brothers started their own circus by in compete with Barnum ring to

and Bailey, calling brothers circuses the Ringling Brothers. Later these brothers bought used themselves sold

out the Barnum and Bailey Circus. He It was a lot of work for her sale because they had She them

to run two circuses distances Finally, they made the two circuses from into one circus and called with tracks

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it the Ringling Brothers **and** but Barnum and Bailey Circus.  
**so**

The combined **circus** form prospered for many years, but it **eventually** ran into **practically** into **selflessly** theater

problems. A big fire **in** over the circus tent at one show **cost** paid the Ringling Brothers a **shut** with

huge lawsuit. **Any** Once tent was not safe because it **had** made not flame proof and the court **was** Their

**banned** found the Ringling Brothers to be negligent. **A** It cost all the money they made **at** **turned** No for on

the next ten years from their **courts** fires to pay the resulting fines. After **little** such the circus did **that** shows

well for many **more** often years, but it could not compete **by** into the new circuses and new **with** some

attractions **even** many as Disney World. In the end, **but** much Ringling Brothers closed their **the** such

famous circus. Nowadays, most people only know what a circus is like from reading books and watching old movies.





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## Space Shuttles

NASA's Space Shuttle program ran for over thirty years. The Space Shuttles

could orbit the Earth **by** astronauts inside. Part of their mission **came** to study the effects of zero **on** human beings, plants, and chemical **kept** **with** **was** substances.

Shuttles also launched satellites and **gravity** probes, as well as a giant space **democracies** **meter** monster for **dependencies** **tolerance** **substances** **telescope** viewing distant stars and galaxies. Space Shuttle **astronomy** **lifeguards** helped to build the **submarines** **astronauts** **International Space Station.** **Mostly**, the Space Shuttle program was an **arrogant** **enormous** **Overly** **opposite** success.

The Space Shuttles were designed **for** to be partly reusable. They could return **at** **so** **in** **to** **to**

Earth and land on a runway **just** like airplanes. There were one hundred **and** **too** **but** **thirty** **until** **like**

Space Shuttle missions.

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The idea **for** in a kind of space plane was **most** first proposed in the late 1950s. NASA **until**

**engineers** wanted a spacecraft that could return **in** Earth and be fully reusable. After **satellites** **is** **telescopes** **to**

**a** lot of work, they finally compromised **if** **her** a partly reusable shuttle design and **no** **on**

**began** building the shuttles about one year **before** the Apollo Moon Landing. **chose** **inside** **found** **under**

The design **consisted** of a space plane, expendable liquid **fuel** **gold** tanks, and **enacted** **suspected** **ticket**

reusable rockets. It would **be** **go** launched vertically like a normal rocket. **No** **The** cockpit **Who** **sit**

could carry five to seven **astronauts** **centimeters** **spacecrafts**

Liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen were **colored** **mixed** in the external tank to ignite **smelled**

**like** rockets. At about two minutes after **breakfast** **degree** , the rockets would release and **the** **liftoff**

parachute **about** **below** the ocean to be picked up **by** **in** NASA. With power from its main **into** **to**

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designs engines metals, the craft would keep rising until it so reached Earth orbiting height. Then the we

cheap main vague engines would be shut off and for his the external fuel tank released to burn cash of in up

the Earth's atmosphere.

When it had put was time for the Shuttle to come home near off, it would fire its thrusters and

crawl fall swim back into the lower atmosphere. It dared had would descend to Earth like a glider,

flamed motioned slowed dramatically by air pressure, finally landing from on with a long runway out in the

desert moon program

Mostly, the Shuttle worked exactly as his it them was designed to work. Yet there

goes has is always a risk that such complicated atmosphere engineering irrigating systems will fail just because

some happy little thin thing goes wrong in a way each not that nobody expects. The

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consequences of such a small failure can be disastrous.  
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Altogether, some were two such catastrophic accidents during for Space  
range there the

Shuttle program's history. Both accidents drew saw later traced to small mechanical  
were

failures. A In 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded: dryly purely after launch, killing  
To shortly

all seven astronauts aboard split. Especially tragic was the fact that so the Challenger  
talking what

mission was the first time a me teacher was part of the shuttle: crew engine sport  
she

years later, the Space Shuttle Columbia exploded ignored over Texas during re-entry, killing  
promoted

another seven astronauts keyboards  
missions

The Space Shuttle program was finally launched retired in 2011, right after  
subjected

Space Shuttle Atlantis's final landing flight. But NASA has since built a on new vehicle to  
solid up

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explore deep space. **For** He is called the Orion, and it **has** to been launched into space.  
**It** will

Even though **only** so Space Shuttle program is over, it **drove** had a lasting impact  
**the** knew

on space travel. **By** My International Space Station would have been **emotional**  
**The** insatiable  
unthinkable

and much more difficult to construct **and** but keep supplied without the shuttle missions.  
**yet**

Space Shuttles **heard** knew that space travel could be more **attentive** sustainable than anyone  
**proved** unbearable

believed before it began. Now we know better.

