



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
work

 to go to school. In the

afternoon
library
morning

, he also takes a bus home.



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 they got hot and thirsty. On those days shirts they drank a lot of water. Apple Glove Soccer is a hard game. You do plenty of fast running and dodging when he for you play it. Kicking the ball takes morning puppies strength and lots of mental focus. It eats helps to pace yourself so that you aren't get too tired out too soon. haven't

Keep going



Anne put ran the captain and she scored most from her
was of
 the points for the team. Cindy met sang was the goalie. The girls took
 turns helping kicking the ball and practicing their moves. Down Their big
posting 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

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

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

don't she
they
what ?”

They went on playing for another cup
hour
work . It was very hot.

They stopped or
to
when drink water.

Cindy said, “I think I
such
we work together well out there.”

Anne covered
jumped
replied , “We are good friends and we change
fill
know

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

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

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

Keep going 

need
skip
win

.”

arrived
chatted
slept

The day for the big game arrived. The team gathered in
their huddle and if the coach gave them a pep play
nor soda. Half

way through the game, Anne and in Cindy’s team was down
only

blocks
by two cones
points

Anne said, “We can win this dog
fan game, if we all work

together. We can
play run do it!”

The team went back like
on plus the field and played better

than he
how they ever did. They won the game and
down if the coach

told them he was proud
scared sorry of them all. The championship game

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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 lot about this the night before his
or no first
some day at the new school. Any
It was hard to get to sleep,
So
because he worried so much.
instead
though
He would be have the new kid in the third grade
see news . What
town
if nobody wanted to be any
his friend? What if they all
so
at
laughed 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 lunch sadly in a corner lunch table of the school cafeteria. He shook
his top very head hard, as if to shake hand out this thought. But
still, he couldn't help eat see feeling anxious.

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

Keep going



either
every
instead

did
saw
was

Then he smelled something wonderful. It saw the smell
of freshly cooked pancakes. School Smell made him happy, because
This

pancakes were for his rare favorite breakfast food. He jumped out

he
in
of

bed and quickly got dressed for practice school.

pancakes
series
showers

As he ate the steaming hot 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 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."

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He shrugged **again**, making a sour face, but he **also** **many** **none** **never** **yet** smiled. His mother was always so **away** **good** **okay** at cheering him up. Eric's dad **drove** **smiled** him to school and parked at **part** **red** **the** curb. He said, "Keep your chin **on** **to** and have a great day **up** at **library** **practice** **school**. I know you'll make lots of **new** **one** **ready** friends here."

Eric got out of **all** **side** **the** car and walked to where the **cars** **friends** **kids** were lining up. He saw his **class** **day** **link** and got in line. The boy **dancing** **planning** **standing** in front of him turned around, **held** **shook** **stood** out his hand to shake, and **lined** **made** **said**, "Hi, I'm Ted and I'm new

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either
here
very

. What's your name?"

Eric shook Ted's hand
book
leg

, smiling widely. He said, "Wow!

first
I'm new
shook

here, too!"

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
or

 strange places or ancient times. He

ate
cut
liked

 to read about people going on

easy
heroic
tall

 quests and wild adventures.

When Jason

did
read
went

 a book, he saw all that

happened
planned
tested

 in the story. He felt what

as
no
the

 people in the book felt. He

pulled
sang
tasted

 what they tasted. He smelled what

our
she
they

 smelled. It was like living a

corner
sugar
whole

 different life.

Keep going



One summer day, Jason **cooked** **started** reading right after **walked** breakfast. At noon, **he** **of** **to** was still reading. It was a book **about** **new** **this** people in ancient times. There were **big** **fat** **tall** battles in it. There was a **boy** **place** **story** only a little older than he **did** **put** **was**, going on strange adventures. As Jason **moved** **read** **sat** the 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** **play** of a big battle. He was **coming** **flying** **riding** a horse. He was shooting arrows. **After** **Behind** **Down** the battle 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
who 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 by
at
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
tree. It was quiet and peaceful there. He called
So had
kept
reading.

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

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

A woman in a long, white dress and a lace guest
is piano
to veil

came walking slowly up the aisle. Our
She
Them

the priest began
played to speak.
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
went wedding
was almost gone, and he was digging
pulling sitting in deep shade. The air
Crickets
was blue. Letters Parties were singing. The whole day had gone by
Parties
while he was reading his book.

