



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills

8th Edition

Maze Benchmark

Grade 8

Student Materials

Name: _____ Date: _____

Practice Passage

Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he takes a school

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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 been done by village women, who are often also responsible for making food and raising children, it is important that first his loom be easy to set up quickly and put aside when necessary. The backstrap weaving technique is simple but it requires long practice. First, a warp must be made by stretching yarn or thread between two sticks. The distance between the sticks determines the length of the finished fabric. One of the sticks is tied to something solid, perhaps to a tree. Main My other is fastened to 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 blankets designs taught to them by other women but even also invent their own designs. Once fans our have woven a blouse, the women take last often wear it for many years. Each Less blouse is unique, and it is cleaned passed in the colors specific to a fabric's moon's My blouse is unique, and it is cleaned passed in the colors specific to a moon's woman's community. The specific colors and patterns eaten sprung, as well as the way the blouse group is worn, tell others which area and her woman comes from and whether she can goes married or single.

In Indonesia, backstrap concert hiking weaving usually involves threads dyed two different colors reasons women. One traditional dye is indigo, which makes a range of blues, and the first most other is morinda, which produces shades from pink as in purplish brown. These two dyes are applied stopped to threads before they are woven for so to create a fabric covered in

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

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 full lot part in any single country and sometimes goes keeps all shows over the world. Circus performers perform stand watch their acts in the middle of a so big tent called the Big Top. Here This middle part of the tent is called shown the ring. The Ringmaster is animal person in charge of all the acts that who take place in the ring.

The every modern unknown circus was invented by a man by also Great Britain named Sergeant-Major Philip Astley. He It was a British military veteran and a but skilled horse-trainer who had performed equestrian bags meals all over Europe. Finally, he settled in on London, 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 **as** a "circus." To bring in bigger **audiences**, Astley began to
 hire rope-walkers, jugglers, **and** acrobats. He also hired clowns to **make** people laugh
 between the acts. Soon **he** opened another circus in Paris. He **put** found a sure-fire
 way of attracting **only** thrilling large audiences. Many other circus **animals** sprang up
 all over Europe around **that** same time. Since most of the **ropes** did not rely on
 speech for **our** dramatic effect, a circus could move **hardly** from country to country,
 by passing the **same** language barriers.

When the circus concept **came** to the United States early in **the** nineteenth
 century, it was done in **a** whole different way. Instead of a **single** theater inside a
 building, the American **number** had a big tent. That was **because** the circuses were
instead

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designed to travel by it wagon all around the country. Also, American circuses hospitals imported novels
 elephants and lions from Africa and but used them to draw larger crowds. By In the end of To
 the nineteenth century, circuses doctors traveled mostly by train and they made sent by far the were
 most popular form by of entertainment in America. with
 “Barnum and Bailey” had saw the name of a famous circus across that began around whole
 that time, featuring large animals clowns from India and Africa as well as by three rings with
 instead of one. A few group of brothers started their own circus by in compete with Barnum to
 and Bailey, calling brothers circuses the Ringling Brothers. Later these brothers bought sold used
 out the Barnum and Bailey Circus. He It was a lot of work for her sale because they had 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.
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The combined **circus** **form** prospered for many years, but it **eventually** **practically** ran into
theater **selflessly**

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

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

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
shows **that**

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

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

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 **on** **with** **kept** **was** effects of zero **gravity** on human beings, plants, and chemical **democracies** **dependencies** **substances** **meter** **tolerance**. The Shuttles also launched satellites and **boats** **probes** **stars**, as well as a giant space **astronomy** **monster** **telescope** for viewing distant stars and galaxies. Space Shuttle **astronauts** **lifeguards** **submarines** helped to build the International Space Station. **Costly** **Mostly** **Overly**, the Space Shuttle program was an **arrogant** **enormous** **opposite** success.

The Space Shuttles were designed **for** **so** **to** be partly reusable. They could return **at** **in** **to** Earth and land on a runway **just** **too** **until** like airplanes. There were one hundred **and** **but** **like** thirty Space Shuttle missions.

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The idea a kind of space plane was proposed in the late 1950s. NASA
 wanted a spacecraft that could return Earth and be fully reusable. After
 lot of work, they finally compromised a partly reusable shuttle design and
 building the shuttles about one year the Apollo Moon Landing.

The design of a space plane, expendable liquid tanks, and
 reusable rockets. It would launched vertically like a normal rocket. cockpit
 could carry five to seven

Liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen were in the external tank to ignite
 rockets. At about two minutes after , the rockets would release and
 parachute the ocean to be picked up NASA. With power from its main

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designs engines metals, the craft would keep rising until it so we reached Earth orbiting height. Then the cheap main vague engines would be shut off and for his the external fuel tank released to burn cash of up in

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 thing goes wrong in a way each not that nobody expects. The

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consequences of such a if small failure can be disastrous.
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Altogether, range some were two such catastrophic accidents during ever for Space
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Shuttle program's history. Both accidents drew saw later traced to small mechanical
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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
she sport

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 Space Shuttle program is over, it drove had a lasting impact
so 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.

