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*Maze* Benchmark

Grade 3

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Brush Hogging

My name is Sarah, and I live on Riggerts Farm Road in Stovepipe,  
Vermont. My favorite after-school activity is taking \_\_\_\_\_ of my  
chickens, Molly, Dolly, and Wally. \_\_\_\_\_ second favorite activity is  
brush hogging \_\_\_\_\_ field.

A brush hog is like \_\_\_\_\_ tractor crossed with a lawn  
mower. \_\_\_\_\_ has windows and a seat. You've  
to climb up to sit on \_\_\_\_\_. It makes a lot of noise \_\_\_\_\_ it

Keep going 

shakes and rattles and belches . It's fun to ride in, and

more fun to drive.

People with use a brush hog to clear

vegetation from their fields. If you brush hog every week, the

weeds saplings grow fast and tall. Before know

it, you'll have an entire growing in your back yard.

After done brush hogging the field looks .

Keep going 

You can now plow it and good things to grow and eat.

have the tingling satisfied feeling of job well

done. Sometimes brush hogging you very hungry. You just

want go inside and make yourself a and drink

some cold water.

The of our house are, when you ten, you can

start brush hogging Mom or Dad. You have to

on their laps, and you have buckle in with a harness.

Keep going 

You \_\_\_\_\_ put your hands on the steering \_\_\_\_\_, but you can't

touch anything else. \_\_\_\_\_ key to the brush hog is

\_\_\_\_\_ in a secret place in the \_\_\_\_\_.

You can see some interesting parts \_\_\_\_\_ nature while

you are brush hogging. \_\_\_\_\_ day last week, I was brush

with Dad when a fast, brown \_\_\_\_\_ ran in front of us,

across \_\_\_\_\_ field and into the woods. It \_\_\_\_\_ so quick

Keep going 

I barely had time                      see it. We decided to stop

get out of the brush hog                      follow it. Dad showed

me how                      track its prints. The animal ran                      the muddy

hiking trail all the                      to the dock by the lake.

tracks went to the edge and                      . A ripple on the water

showed                      it had made a splash.

“Congratulations,”                      Dad, pointing to something

Keep going 

swimming in distance. “You just tracked your first baby  
moose!”

