



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
8th Edition

Australasian Version

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

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Working Together

Cindy and Anne were practising for their big game. They both were on the soccer team and liked to practise at home.

They used the field behind Anne's **food house leg**. They set up a net for **a his me** goal. When the sun was shining **one so they** got hot and thirsty.

On those **corns days shirts** they drank a lot of water.

Apple Glove Soccer is a hard game. You do **metres plenty slopes** of fast running and dodging when **he for you** play it. Kicking the ball takes **morning puppies and strength**

lots of mental focus. It **eats helps wants** to pace yourself so that you

aren't don't haven't get too tired out too soon.

Anne **put ran was** the captain and she scored most **from her of** the goals

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for the team. Cindy met sang was the goalie. The girls took turns helping kicking posting the ball and practising their moves. Down Their When big 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 goals 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 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 ?”

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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 on

play **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 **need** **skip** **win** .”

The day for the big game **arrived** **chatted** **slept** . The team gathered in

their huddle **and** **if** **nor** the coach gave them a pep **drink** **play** **talk** . Half way

through the game, Anne **and** **in** **only** Cindy’s team was down by two

blocks **cones** **goals** .

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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 **flew knew was** next

week. The girls knew they had to practise 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** **used** kids would like him. He worried **a** **or** **some** lot about this the night before **his** **no** **real** first day at the new school. **Any** **It** **So** was hard to get to sleep, **because** **instead** **though** he worried so much.

He would **be** **have** **see** the new kid in the year **news** **three** **town** class. What if nobody wanted to be **any** **his** **so** friend? What if they all laughed **at** **new** **on** him?

Just the thought of being **guessed** **laughed** **worked** at made Eric very sad.

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He ate saw himself going off alone to unwrap and next eat his lunch
was out
sadly in a corner lunch table of the school playground. He shook his top head
very
hard, as if to shake for hand out this thought. But still, he couldn't eat help
see
feeling anxious.

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

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

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pancakes were **for his rare** favourite breakfast food. He jumped out **he in of** bed and quickly got dressed for **house practice school**.

As he ate the steaming hot **pancakes 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 through** his hair. “Don’t worry,” she said. “**Don’t It’ll You’ll** be the most friendly kid in **library school teacher**. I just know it.”

He shrugged **again many never**, making a sour face, but he **also none yet** smiled. His mother was always so **away good okay** at cheering him up.

Eric’s dad **drove smiled walked** him to school and parked at **part red the** kerb. He said, “Keep your chin **on to up** and have a great day at **library practice school**.”

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I know you'll make lots of **new**
one friends here."
ready

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

Eric shook Ted's **book**
hand, smiling widely. He said, "Wow!
leg
I'm **first**
new here, too!"
shook

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.

One summer day, Jason **cooked started walked** reading right after breakfast.

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At noon, **he** **of** 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 **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

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but like up . For a few seconds he did but not to know where he was, or who he 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 at by to mark the page he had been

going reading staying . He walked down the stairs still asking coming reading it. He went out into the cup desk garden and sat underneath a gum tree. Any It So was

quiet and peaceful there. He called had kept reading.

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

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shining suit and polished **boots**
cards . Organ music boomed. A woman
water
in **a**
is long, white dress and a lace **guest**
to **piano** came walking slowly
veil
up the aisle. **Our** stood facing him as the priest **began**
She **played** to
Them **washed**
speak.

Just then his mother **hinted**
laughed out, “Jason! Time for dinner!”
shouted
Jason **lay**
sat up, startled, and looked around. The **breakfast**
went **sunlight** was
wedding
almost gone, and he was **digging**
pulling in deep shade. The air was
sitting
blue. **Crickets**
Letters were singing. The whole day had gone by while
Parties
he was reading his book.

