

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR
PRACTICE TEST FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADE 5 – FORM B
(Test items developed for skills measured in MCT)

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1. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

_____ . Many people wait for the first sign of summer to pack up their gear and head for their favorite lake. Not only is water skiing great fun, it is good exercise.

- A. Cold weather is great for going to the lake.
 - B. Water skiing is a favorite sport of many people.
 - C. Everyone loves to go camping.
 - D. Snow skiing can be lots of fun.
2. Which sentence would be the best conclusion for the paragraph below?

Scientists have discovered evidence that suggests that trees talk to each other. Instead of using words, they use a chemical language that warns other trees to prepare for an insect attack.

- A. This startling information is changing the way scientists look at trees.
- B. Because trees are most easily attacked through the leaves, most changes take place there.
- C. Only one group of trees had been attacked.
- D. Many of the chemicals can be produced in just hours or days.

3. Look at the topic sentence below. Which detail sentences would go with the topic sentence?

In real life, rattle snakes seldom attack.

- A. The snakes try to avoid people. Most people are bitten only after they step on a rattle snake.
 - B. The snakes will actually chase a person, hoping for an opportunity to strike.
 - C. Rattle snakes hibernate during cold weather and are usually first seen in the spring.
 - D. Many people have a real fear of snakes. People have actually been known to injure themselves in attempts to flee from a snake.
4. Read the sentences in the paragraph below. Choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.
- A. The Amazon River is about 3,900 miles long, and the Nile River is 4,160 miles long.
 - B. They are the two longest rivers in the world.
 - C. Many rivers flow throughout the United States.
 - D. Unlike the Nile, the Amazon's waters flow slowly.