

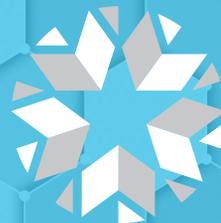
# OKLAHOMA SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAM

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PARENT, STUDENT, AND TEACHER GUIDE

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS  
& MATHEMATICS**

2022–2023 **GRADE 3**



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**Oklahoma School Testing Program  
Administration Dates  
2022–2023 School Year  
English Language Arts and Mathematics**

**Online Testing Window  
April 20–May 17, 2023**

**Paper Testing\* Window  
April 20–May 3, 2023**

**Note:** For early RSA reporting, all ELA tests should be completed by April 27, 2023.

\*under special circumstances only



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Dear Families and Educators,

In order to expand instructional time and optimize student learning, the Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) takes place in the final weeks of the school year for elementary and middle school students. Districts may select the dates that best fit their academic calendars within the approved testing window that is located at <https://sde.ok.gov/office-assessments>. Preliminary test results will be available online to families through the Oklahoma Parent Portal in June.

To access the Oklahoma Parent Portal and view past or new test results for your student, visit <https://okparentportal.emetric.net/login>. To create an account, you will need your student's 10-digit Student Testing Number (STN) and date of birth. If you do not know your student's STN please contact your student's school. The Oklahoma Parent Portal can help families monitor academic progress over time, as well as provide specific information on needed support or enrichment to keep the momentum building.

The OSTP measures your student's progress in learning the Oklahoma Academic Standards for English language arts, mathematics, and science. For an overview of the tests and a digital version of the OSTP Parent, Student and Teacher Guides, please visit <https://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-school-testing-program-ostp-families>. In the guides, you will find an explanation of what is covered in each test and sample questions to become familiar with the test format. The guides will help you and your student understand what to expect on the state assessments.

To learn more about the subject standards, please visit <https://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-academic-standards>. The Oklahoma Academic Standards serve as expectations for what students should know and be able to do by the end of the school year.

If you have questions, please contact your school or the State Department of Education at (405) 521-3341 or [assessments@sde.ok.gov](mailto:assessments@sde.ok.gov).

Sincerely,

Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Assessments

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# THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAM

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Federal law requires all students to be assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math each year in Grades 3–8 and once in high school. Federal law also requires students to be assessed in Science once in Grades 3–5, 6–9, and 10–12. The grade and subject level tests delivered through the Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) meet federal law. Oklahoma educators were instrumental in building our state tests to ensure alignment to our Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS). State tests provide a common measure of students’ performance relative to our academic standards. The Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS) serve as a road map for what students should know and be able to do at each grade-level. Measuring real-world skills like problem-solving and critical thinking, state tests provide a valid way to measure students’ progress in gaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities they need to be ready for the next grade, course, or level. Results from state tests can be used to inform school or district level changes to programs and curriculum. They also help schools measure how students in a given class, school, or district are performing in relation to other students who take the same test.

As such, OSTP State Tests serve as a component of the state’s accountability system—the Oklahoma School Report Card.

This year, students in Grade 3 will take assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. This *Parent, Student, and Teacher Guide* contains information to give you an idea of what your student is learning and being tested on and how you can help at home.

## Helping Your Student Prepare

As a parent, there are a number of ways that you can support your student’s learning habits on a daily basis that will help him or her be more prepared when it is time to be tested.

Here are some things to consider before your student takes a test.

- Make sure your student gets plenty of rest and has a well-balanced diet.
- Reassure your student that the test is just one opportunity to show what he or she knows. Classwork, projects, and other tests also show how much a student has learned throughout the year.

### What is my student learning?

Children in third grade are beginning to use their reading skills to understand an entire text or story. They enjoy many types of reading materials, including newspapers, magazines, books, poems, comics, etc. Third-grade students will be able to use elements of stories like character (who), setting (where) and plot (what happened) in conversations about what they are reading. Their writing is becoming increasingly clear and focused, stays on topic and includes relevant details such as important people, places, dates, facts and events. Third-graders also will be able to use different kinds of writing for different purposes. This information is a snapshot of learning in English language arts (ELA) for Grade 3.

### How can I help my student at home?

- Discuss facts and opinions in commercials, news stories, documentaries and other everyday situations.
- Ask your child what kind of text they are reading (fiction, nonfiction or poetry) and to explain how they know.
- Use difficult or unusual words in conversations to build your child’s vocabulary.
- Keep a journal together. Have your child write about anything they’re interested in, and respond by writing something back to your child. Use different sentence types to ask a question or show excitement.
- Help your child identify a topic of interest and determine how to find information about that topic.

### How can I help increase my student’s reading comprehension?

Reading is a building block for success in all school subjects and a critical skill that develops with time and practice. Encourage your child to read for pleasure, and be a good role model by reading things you enjoy.

Use the following questions to help third-graders understand what they are reading.

#### **Before Reading**

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- What made you pick this book?
- How is this book like another one you have read or a movie you have seen?
- What do you think the book will be about?

#### **During Reading**

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- What has happened so far in the story?
- What pictures do you see in your mind as you read?
- What words can I help you understand?

#### **After Reading**

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- What was the most important event in the story? Why?
- What lesson do you think the author wants the reader to learn? What makes you think that?
- If you could give this book a different title, what would it be? Why?

## English Language Arts Practice Questions

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The OSTP Grade 3 ELA Assessment consists of selected-response (multiple-choice) and short constructed response questions designed to measure our Oklahoma Academic Standards. The practice questions you see here represent the types of questions and interactions your student will see when they take the state test. The tests are designed to be administered on the computer and feature a variety of tools and interactive questions that are more engaging and aligned with 21st century teaching and learning practices. The OSTP Practice Test platform can be accessed using the information shown below:

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**Note:** If login credentials are requested, clear your browser’s cache and relaunch the Practice Test.

A student’s performance on the sample items provided in the OSTP Practice Test platform and in this guide does not predict their overall performance on the OSTP Assessment. The purpose of the sample items is to allow students and parents to familiarize themselves with the types of questions that may be seen. An explanation as to why a particular response is correct or incorrect is located at the end of this guide with the answer key.

For more information about the Grade 3 ELA Standards and/or Assessment, visit the Test and Item Specs at [https://sde.ok.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/OK\\_22-23\\_TIS\\_ELA\\_G3\\_ADA.pdf](https://sde.ok.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/OK_22-23_TIS_ELA_G3_ADA.pdf).



# Directions

Choose the best answer for the question. Mark the circle for the answer you have chosen.

Read this passage. Then read the questions that follow. Choose the best answer for each question. Mark the circle for the answer you have chosen.

## Gone Fishing

by Kristine O'Connell George

**cattails**—tall plants with flat leaves that grow near water

- 1 No one else was awake  
when we got up at dawn  
to go fishing.  
Walking the steep path
- 5 down to the lake,  
we could see the circle flop  
and splash of trout. I warned  
my little brother not to go  
too close to the edge.
- 10 He said:  
*You can't tell **me** what to do.*  
No one else was awake  
when we got up at dawn  
to go fishing. All I caught
- 15 was one little brother—  
hauled up out of the cattails,  
sputtering, soggy, and still stubborn.

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**1** "Gone Fishing" is mainly about

- Ⓐ trout splashing in a lake.
- Ⓑ children not catching a fish.
- Ⓒ a child not listening to a warning.
- Ⓓ a speaker giving orders to a brother.

**2** How does the reader know "Gone Fishing" is a poem?

- Ⓐ It has characters.
- Ⓑ It contains sentences.
- Ⓒ It could really happen.
- Ⓓ It is arranged by stanzas.

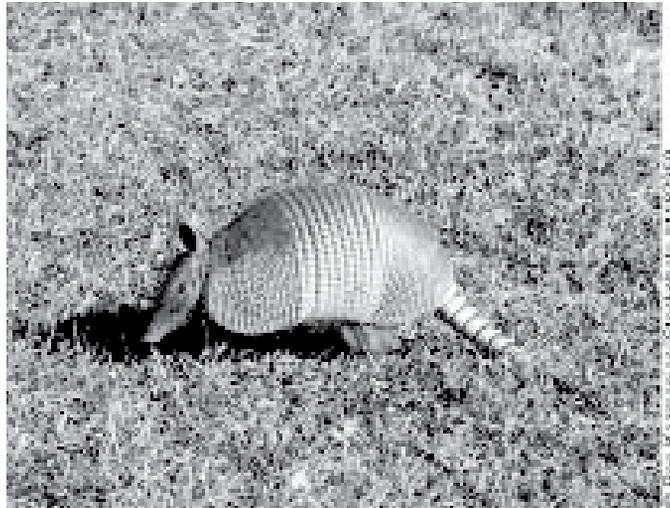




Read this passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

### Look! It's an Armadillo!

- 1 Have you ever seen an armadillo? Most people in the United States never will. But if you live in Oklahoma, you just might get the chance!
- 2 Armadillos are the most unusual animals ever! If you ever see an armadillo, the first thing you'll notice is that it's covered in leathery scales. It may even remind you of the shell of a turtle. These gray scales are hard and strong. They protect armadillos from their enemies and other dangerous things in their environment such as thorns.



**The word "armadillo" means "little armored one" in Spanish. It is the perfect name for this little creature because it has bony scales that cover it from head to tail. Believe it or not, armadillos are the only living mammals that have shells like this. Their shells often lead people to believe they are related to turtles. This lack of fur explains why armadillos live in warm climates.**

- 3 Armadillos also have short legs and long bodies. Even though they are close to the ground, adult armadillos can be over 2½ feet long, including their stringy tails. That's about as long as your leg.



- 4 You might think armadillos are related to turtles because of their shells. Don't be fooled, though! Armadillos are mammals, like cats, dogs, and people. However, it is their shells that make the curious animals different.
- 5 Many mammals are covered in fur that keeps them warm like a winter coat. Not armadillos! Their shells are sturdy, but the shells don't protect them from freezing temperatures. That is why armadillos have to be careful about where they live. Don't waste your time searching for armadillos in Alaska or Maine! It's too cold for them to live there. However, Oklahoma is a great place for these creatures. They can also be found in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida.
- 6 Armadillos need good weather, but they also need to live where the soil is soft. Armadillos make their homes in holes in the ground called burrows. Although the animals have long, sharp claws perfect for digging, a cold climate can make the dirt difficult to get through. These burrows are extremely important to armadillos. They use them to live in, raise their families, and hide from other animals.
- 7 The ground isn't just an armadillo home—it's also a supermarket! Armadillos dig for their food. They often feast on insects, worms, and lizards. They also eat plant roots and berries. If they can't dig, they can't survive.
- 8 Like any wild animal, armadillos have **predators**. Sometimes, coyotes chase them. Other times, humans hunt them because they destroy crops while digging for food. Many people love armadillos, however. Some kind farmers trap the pesky creatures and release them far away from their crops. There is also a town that loves armadillos so much that it celebrates Armadillo Day. You might even see an armadillo race at a county fair.
- 9 Don't forget—you could spot an armadillo in your own backyard. It might be wandering in the woods or grazing in your garden right now. Seeing an armadillo is something most kids in the United States will never experience.

"Look! It's an Armadillo!" Copyright© 2022 by Cognia, Inc.



**4** A student wants to write a report about armadillo babies.

What should the student do first?

- Ⓐ create a graphic organizer to help arrange the information
- Ⓑ create a rough draft that contains key information
- Ⓒ ask a friend to edit the report for mistakes
- Ⓓ publish the report for others to read

**5** Which word from paragraph 2 has a similar meaning to the word **predators** in paragraph 8?

- Ⓐ animals
- Ⓑ scales
- Ⓒ enemies
- Ⓓ thorns

**6** Knowing the meaning of the prefix **un-** helps the reader to know that the word **unusual** means

- Ⓐ beyond usual.
- Ⓑ usual before.
- Ⓒ usual again.
- Ⓓ not usual.



**7** Read the definition for the word **waste**.

**waste** *verb*. 1. to slowly destroy 2. to cause something to weaken in size or strength 3. to use in a foolish way 4. to slowly wear away

Which definition of the word **waste** is used in paragraph 5?

- Ⓐ definition 1
- Ⓑ definition 2
- Ⓒ definition 3
- Ⓓ definition 4

**8** Which information can **only** be found in the caption?

- Ⓐ the meaning of the word armadillo
- Ⓑ the reason armadillos live in warm places
- Ⓒ that the armadillo is a mammal with scales
- Ⓓ that people think armadillos are related to turtles



You will now read two related passages and answer the questions that follow. Some of the questions may ask you to compare the two passages. Choose the best answer for each question. Mark the circle for the answer you have chosen.

### The American Buffalo



- 1 The state animal of Oklahoma is the American buffalo. It is most closely related to the European bison and the Canadian woods bison. A bison is another name for a buffalo. A long time ago it could weigh as much as 5,000 pounds. But, over the years, the American buffalo has slimmed down. Today, it weighs from 800–2,000 pounds and stands about six feet tall. People recognize the American buffalo by the large size of its head and the high hump on its shoulders. It is also recognized by its thick, dark brown, shaggy hair. It is a very impressive animal.
- 2 The American buffalo came to North America from Asia. The animals crossed a land bridge that once connected Asia to Alaska. Before long, millions of buffalo freely roamed the prairies of America. The large herds of the American buffalo were part of the landscape. This was quite a beautiful sight.
- 3 Buffalo were an important part of American Indian life as American Indians could not survive without them. They hunted them for food and used their hides to create shelter and clothing. American Indians made sure they used every part of the animal. They were not wasteful. But things changed when the settlers arrived.
- 4 Many of the settlers were trappers and traders. They began killing the American buffalo to sell as a commodity. They would send the hides of the buffalo by train or wagon back east. These settlers did not have the same respect for the buffalo as the American Indians. These settlers killed more than what they needed. Some settlers came to shoot the animals for sport. The situation for the American buffalo only got worse as time went on.



There were fewer and fewer of them. Soon there were only a few thousand of the American buffalo left. They were on their way to becoming extinct. It was a tragedy.

- 5 Today, many people are working to help the American buffalo. They want to protect them. They want to see their numbers increase. There is a protected herd of buffalo in Yellowstone National Park. This herd is carefully protected. There are private groups who also want to preserve the American buffalo. Similar efforts will help guarantee the future of the American buffalo.

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**Read this passage, which goes with the previous passage. Then answer the questions that follow.**

### Seeing Buffalo

- 1 We went to the Bad Lands,  
My family and me.  
It was buffalo  
We hoped to see.
- 5 We drove through the park  
Until it was nearly dark.  
Looking. Looking. Looking.  
We came to the top of a hill  
and stopped.
- 10 Our jaws dropped open,  
And our eyes almost popped!  
Buffalo filled the valley below.  
It was the most amazing sight.  
We stared in awe before
- 15 Finally saying good night.

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**9** Which sentence from “The American Buffalo” is an opinion?

- Ⓐ A bison is another name for a buffalo.
- Ⓑ The American buffalo came to North America from Asia.
- Ⓒ This was quite a beautiful sight.
- Ⓓ There is a protected herd of buffalo in Yellowstone National Park.



### What is my student learning?

In third grade, students will build on the skills learned in first and second grade and apply their knowledge to more difficult mathematical tasks. Three of the most important third-grade math topics are multiplication, division and fractions, all of which are building blocks for many skills students will learn in later grades. This information is a snapshot of learning in mathematics for Grade 3. For a complete set of mathematics academic standards, visit [sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-academic-standards](http://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-academic-standards).

### How can I help my student at home?

- Create your own multiplication and division games with numbered cubes, dominoes or playing cards.
- Allow your child to help measure ingredients while cooking or baking.
- Identify fractions around the house. For example, if a four-drawer dresser has socks in one drawer, then  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the dresser has socks in it.
- Ask your child to identify the shapes and types of angles in road signs. (For example, a traffic light is a rectangle.)
- Use a ruler to measure the sides of four-sided objects in daily life (a tabletop, cell phone, etc.) and add all the sides together to find the perimeter.

### How can I help increase my student’s math curiosity?

Cultivate your child’s curiosity with guiding questions like these:

- What geometric shapes do you see in your neighborhood and where do you see them?
- If you had a million dollars, what would you buy first? Why?
- What patterns do you hear in your favorite song?
- How many candies could go around the edges of this brownie?

Your child will have plenty of questions. It’s okay if you don’t always have the answer. The best response is always, “Let’s find out together.”

### Questions to ask your Third Grade Math Student:

- Ask random multiplication facts up to 10 times 10.
- What is 9,567 in expanded and written form? (You can use any number from 1,000–100,000.)
- What is 1,000 more than 5,678? What is 1,000 less than 5,678?
- What is the sum of  $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$ ? (Use fraction with the same denominator, or “bottom number.”)
- How can the perimeter of a room be found? What is the perimeter?
- Find how many shoes of the following types are in the closet: tennis shoes, sandals, dress shoes, and boots. Create a bar graph showing the data collected.

## Mathematics Practice Questions

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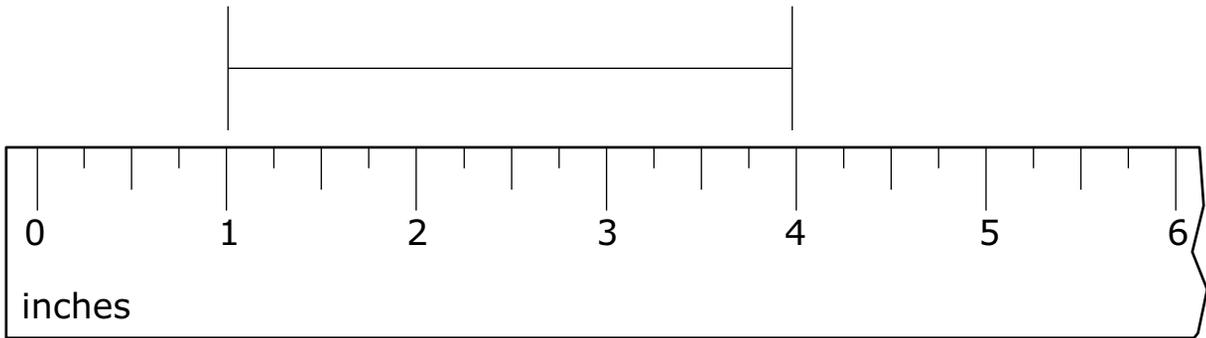
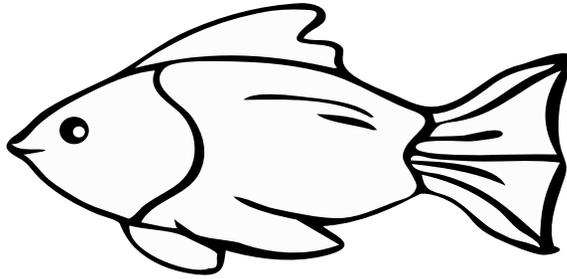
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# Directions

Choose the best answer for the question. Mark the circle for the answer you have chosen.

**1** Jessie measured her goldfish as shown.

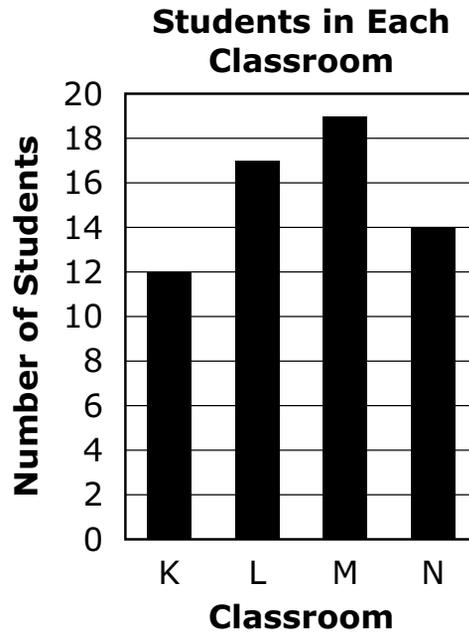


**What is the length of Jessie's goldfish?**

- (A) 1 inch
- (B) 3 inches
- (C) 4 inches
- (D) 6 inches



**2** The graph shows the number of students in each of four classrooms.



**How many more students are in classroom L than in classroom N?**

- Ⓐ 3
- Ⓑ 4
- Ⓒ 5
- Ⓓ 7



- 3** Connie is learning to play 15 songs on the piano. The table shows the number of songs Connie has left to learn at the end of each month.

**Songs for Connie to Learn**

Month	Number of Songs
January	15
February	13
March	11
April	9
May	?

Connie learns the same number of songs each month. How many songs will Connie have left to learn at the end of May?

- (A) 2 songs
- (B) 6 songs
- (C) 7 songs
- (D) 8 songs



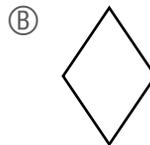
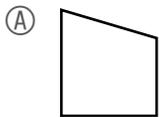
- 4** Seth wants to visit all 50 states. He has visited 14 states. The number sentence shows  $s$ , the number of states Seth has left to visit.

$$s + 14 = 50$$

How many states does Seth have left to visit?

- (A) 36
- (B) 44
- (C) 46
- (D) 64

- 5** Which shape below appears to contain at least one acute, one obtuse, and one right angle?





**6** The table shows the ice-cream cones sold during lunch.

**Ice-Cream Cones Sold**

Flavor	Number of Cones
chocolate	5
strawberry	2
vanilla	4

Which pictograph shows the same information as the table?

**(A) Ice-Cream Cones Sold**

Flavor	Number of Cones
chocolate	▼▼▼▼▼
strawberry	▼▼
vanilla	▼▼▼▼

Key: ▼ = 2 cones

**(B) Ice-Cream Cones Sold**

Flavor	Number of Cones
chocolate	▼▼▼
strawberry	▼
vanilla	▼▼

Key: ▼ = 2 cones

**(C) Ice-Cream Cones Sold**

Flavor	Number of Cones
chocolate	▼▼
strawberry	▼
vanilla	▼

Key: ▼ = 2 cones

**(D) Ice-Cream Cones Sold**

Flavor	Number of Cones
chocolate	▼▼▼
strawberry	▼
vanilla	▼▼

Key: ▼ = 2 cones



Use the information to answer the following questions.

Casey and her brother, Sam, keep track of their scores while playing their favorite video game. Sam's highest score is 5,400. Casey's scores for her last six games are shown.

Casey's Scores	
5,275	5,735
6,005	5,630
6,020	6,250

**7** Casey wants to list her scores from greatest to least. Which list shows Casey's scores from greatest to least?

- Ⓐ 5,275; 5,630; 5,735; 6,005; 6,020; 6,250
- Ⓑ 5,735; 5,630; 5,275; 6,250; 6,020; 6,005
- Ⓒ 6,250; 6,005; 6,020; 5,275; 5,630; 5,735
- Ⓓ 6,250; 6,020; 6,005; 5,735; 5,630; 5,275

**8** Sam's goal for next week is to score 1,000 more than his highest score. What is his goal?

- Ⓐ 5,500
- Ⓑ 6,400
- Ⓒ 6,500
- Ⓓ 7,250



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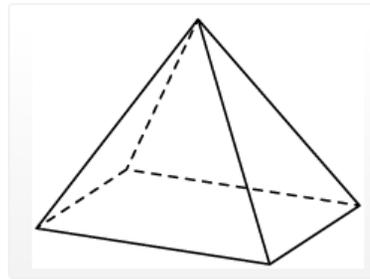
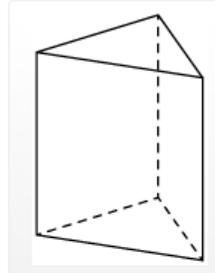
Match each sentence on the left to the figure it describes on the right. Each figure will have two sentences matched to it. Click one sentence on the left and then click the figure it describes on the right. To remove a line, hold the pointer over the line until it turns red, and then click it.

The figure has 2 bases.

The figure has exactly 5 vertices.

The figure has a triangular base.

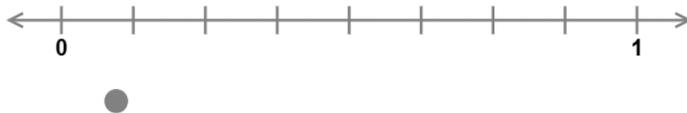
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This number line is divided into equal parts. Place the dot on the number line to represent the fraction  $\frac{5}{8}$ .

To place the dot, click and drag it to the correct location on the number line. To change the location of the dot, click and hold it, and then drag it to the new location.



# ANSWER KEYS

English Language Arts										
Number	Reporting Category	Item Distractor Rationales								
1	Reading & Writing Process	<p>A. This describes what the children see as they approach the lake, but this is not what the poem is mainly about.</p> <p>B. Based on the poem, the children never had an opportunity to try to catch a fish before the little brother fell in the lake.</p> <p><b>C. Correct. The little brother was warned by the speaker not to get too close to the edge of the lake, but he stubbornly ignored the speaker and fell into the lake.</b></p> <p>D. Though the speaker tried to warn the little brother about getting too close to the edge of the lake, the poem is not focused on the speaker’s orders.</p>								
2	Reading & Writing Process	<p>A. Characters may be found in nonfictional and informational text, so this is not a unique feature of poetry.</p> <p>B. Nonfiction and fiction texts have sentences, and in this case the poem does too.</p> <p>C. Events that could really happen may be represented in nonfiction, fiction, and poetry.</p> <p><b>D. Correct. Poetry has a unique organizational structure; it is organized by stanzas.</b></p>								
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4	Reading & Writing Process	<p><b>A. Correct. Usually students will create a graphic organizer to help organize their thoughts into a logical order.</b></p> <p>B. Creating a rough draft is at the beginning of the writing process, but this step usually cannot be taken until information is gathered and organized.</p> <p>C. The first step in writing is typically the pre-writing stage. Asking a friend to edit the report comes later in the process after a draft has been written.</p> <p>D. Publishing is the final step of the writing process.</p>								

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5	Critical Reading/Writing	<p>A. Some animals might be classified as predators, but not all animals are predators. The words are different in meaning.</p> <p>B. An armadillo's scales help protect the armadillo from predators.</p> <p><b>C. Correct. An animal that hunts other animals would not be considered friendly.</b></p> <p>D. Thorns may harm an animal, but it is not actively hunting it.</p>
6	Language	<p>A. The prefix super- means "beyond."</p> <p>B. The prefix pre- means "before."</p> <p>C. The prefix re- means "again."</p> <p><b>D. Correct. The prefix un- means "not."</b></p>
7	Language	<p>A. Looking for armadillos where they will not be found does not slowly destroy the seeker's time.</p> <p>B. A person's time is not being weakened by looking for something that will not be found.</p> <p><b>C. Correct. Since armadillos cannot be found in colder areas, looking for them there would be to use time "in a foolish way."</b></p> <p>D. Looking for armadillos where they will not be found does not wear away the seeker's time.</p>
8	Critical Reading/Writing	<p><b>A. Correct. The meaning of the word armadillo can only be found in the caption.</b></p> <p>B. This information can also be found in paragraph 5.</p> <p>C. This information can also be found in paragraph 5.</p> <p>D. This information can also be found in paragraph 4.</p>
9	Critical Reading/Writing	<p>A. This is a fact that can be verified.</p> <p>B. This is a fact that can be verified.</p> <p><b>C. Correct. This sentence shares a personal feeling about something seen.</b></p> <p>D. This is a fact that can be verified.</p>

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		<p><b>Possible Response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The author of “The American Buffalo” uses problem and solution to structure paragraphs 4 and 5.</li> </ul> <p><b>Possible Supporting Details:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The author uses words and phrases to indicate a problem.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “These settlers killed more than what they needed.” (paragraph 4)</li> <li>· “Soon there were only a few thousand of the American buffalo left.” (paragraph 4)</li> <li>· “They were on their way to becoming extinct.” (paragraph 4)</li> </ul> </li> <li>· The author uses words and phrases to indicate people are working towards a solution.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· “Today, many people are working to help the American buffalo.” (paragraph 5)</li> <li>· “There is a protected herd of buffalo in Yellowstone National Park.” (paragraph 5)</li> <li>· “There are private groups who also want to preserve the American buffalo.” (paragraph 5)</li> <li>· “Similar efforts will help guarantee the future of the American buffalo.” (paragraph 5)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Other responses are acceptable if supported by relevant details from the text.</p>	

<b>Mathematics</b>		
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1	Geometry & Measurement	<p>A. The student chose the number of inches for the starting point of the fish.</p> <p><b>B. Correct. The student demonstrated an ability to measure the length of an object to the nearest half inch.</b></p> <p>C. The student chose the number of inches for the ending point of the fish.</p> <p>D. The student chose the last number shown on the ruler.</p>
2	Data & Probability	<p><b>A. Correct. The student demonstrated an understanding of how to solve a problem using categorical data presented in a bar graph.</b></p> <p>B. The student rounded classroom L up to 18 because that is the next closest labeled number.</p> <p>C. The student found the difference in the number of students in classroom M compared to classroom N.</p> <p>D. The student found the difference in the number of students in the two classrooms with the largest and smallest bars in the graph.</p>
3	Algebraic Reasoning	<p>A. The student found that the numbers in the table decrease by 2 each month and did not know how to use this information.</p> <p>B. The student subtracted the largest number in the table from the smallest number.</p> <p><b>C. Correct. The student demonstrated an understanding of how to extend a pattern.</b></p> <p>D. The student thought that May should be 1 less than April.</p>
4	Algebraic Reasoning	<p><b>A. Correct. The student demonstrated an ability to find an unknown represented by a symbol in an arithmetic problem by solving a one-step equation.</b></p> <p>B. Balance distractor</p> <p>C. The student computed <math>50-4</math>.</p> <p>D. The student added instead of subtracting.</p>
5	Geometry & Measurement	<p><b>A. Correct. The student demonstrated an ability to classify angles as acute, right, and obtuse.</b></p> <p>B. The student thought one of the obtuse angles was a right angle.</p> <p>C. Balance distractor</p> <p>D. The student thought one of the acute angles was an obtuse angle.</p>
6	Data & Probability	<p>A. The student ignored the key and used 1 cone picture to represent 1 cone.</p> <p><b>B. Correct. The student demonstrated an ability to represent data in a pictograph with scaled intervals.</b></p> <p>C. Balance distractor</p> <p>D. The student did not know how to represent 5 cones with a key of 2.</p>
7	Number & Operations	<p>A. The student listed the scores from least to greatest instead of greatest to least.</p> <p>B. The student listed the scores in the five thousands from greatest to least and then the scores in the six thousands from greatest to least.</p> <p>C. The student mixed up 6,020 and 6,005 and 5,735 and 5,275.</p> <p><b>D. Correct. The student demonstrated an ability to use place value to compare whole numbers up to 100,000.</b></p>

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8	Number & Operations	<p>A. The student confused 1,000 and 100.</p> <p><b>B. Correct. The student demonstrated an ability to find 1,000 more than a given four-digit number.</b></p> <p>C. The student confused 1,000 and 1,100.</p> <p>D. The student confused Sam and Casey.</p>
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