



PRACTICE TEST WITH SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

BASED ON GRADE LEVEL STANDARDS

ELA

SECOND GRADE

2nd Grade NWEA Sample Questions - ELA

Have a look at our 2nd Grade MAP Sample Questions below to get an idea of what to expect on the test.

Question 1

Read the passage. There are several questions about this passage.

The White-Crowned Sparrow

- 1 Sparrows are small, common birds. They live in most parts of North America. There are many kinds of sparrows. These birds live in many different places, or habitats. Sparrows can live in the city or the country.

What They Look Like

- 2 White-crowned sparrows are one kind of sparrow. They are easy to spot. A white-crowned sparrow looks plain gray from far away. When seen up close, this bird has black and white stripes on its head. It also has a pale pink or yellow beak. Its chest is pale gray, and it has white bars on its wings. Its back is soft brown. The white-crowned sparrow's tail is long. The male and female birds look alike.

Where They Live

- 3 White-crowned sparrows live in bushy areas. Look for these birds in woodlands and thickets, which are areas with lots of trees and bushes. They scratch the ground for food in nearby open areas.

What They Eat

- 4 White-crowned sparrows eat many kinds of seeds, including sunflower seeds. They like grasses and grains, too. They eat some insects. They also like blackberries.

How They Nest

- 5 These birds make nests in shrubs. They build them up to ten feet high. The female makes the nest with twigs. Then she lines the nest with soft grass and feathers. The female lays 3–7 light blue-green eggs. The eggs have brownish spots. It takes the eggs 11–14 days to hatch.

How They Raise Their Young

- 6 After the eggs hatch, the female bird stays on the nest for 7–12 days. Both the males and females feed the young birds. Then the male sparrow keeps feeding the baby birds. The female starts to build another nest. She lays more eggs there.

What Their Song Sounds Like

- 7 The song of this bird sounds like a whistle. It sounds like "Poor-wet-wetter-chee-zee."
- 8 It is fun to watch for white-crowned sparrows. These birds are so common that they may live nearby. Their white and black heads make them easy to identify.

Under which heading does the author include information about white-crowned sparrow babies?

- ☐ 1. Where They Live
- ☐ 2. What They Eat
- ☐ 3. How They Raise Their Young
- ☐ 4. What Their Song Sounds Like

How long does it take for the eggs to hatch?

- ☐ 1. 5 days
- ☐ 2. 24 hours
- ☐ 3. 11 – 14 days
- ☐ 4. 7 – 12 days

Question 2

Read the paragraph.

Earth has five oceans. They are part of one large ocean. Ocean water covers most of the planet. The oceans are very salty. The oceans are very important to life on Earth. Many plants and animals live in the oceans. The oceans also help make the weather on Earth. Water moves from the ocean to the sky. Later, the water falls as rain or snow. In this way, oceans provide Earth with the water that people, animals, and plants need to live.

What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- ☐ 1. Oceans are very salty.
- ☐ 2. There are five oceans on Earth.
- ☐ 3. Plants and animals live in oceans.
- ☐ 4. Oceans are important to life on Earth.

Question 3

Read the passage.

The New Playground

- 1 Carlos and Ricky lived on the same street. One day, they went to the new playground. They had been waiting for weeks for it to be finished. They were excited!
- 2 The playground was huge. It had places where kids could climb and run. It had a nice picnic area, too, but there was also lots of trash. The trash bin had plastic bottles spilling out of it.
- 3 "I wish we could do something about the trash," said Ricky.
- 4 "We can!" said Carlos. He picked up some bottles and put them in his backpack. Ricky then did the same. They took the bottles home and recycled them.

This question has two parts. Answer Part A, and then answer Part B.

Part A

What is the lesson of the passage?

- ☐ 1. It is nice to be with friends.
- ☐ 2. New places can be exciting.
- ☐ 3. A problem can be easy to fix.
- ☐ 4. People need to be more careful.

Part B

Which detail from the passage best supports the correct answer from Part A?

- ☐ 1. "Carlos and Ricky lived on the same street." (Paragraph 1)
- ☐ 2. "The playground was huge." (Paragraph 2)
- ☐ 3. "It had places where kids could climb and run." (Paragraph 2)
- ☐ 4. "They took the bottles home and recycled them." (Paragraph 4)

Question 4

Read the story.

- 1 Milan and his dad were excited to go to the outdoor market. They especially liked tasting the fresh peaches.
- 2 A woman selling peaches handed one to Dad. Dad took a bite. "This is delicious," said Dad as he gave it to Milan.
- 3 Milan agreed. The peach was wonderful. Dad pointed to where a band was playing. "Let's go listen," said Dad.
- 4 "The band is too loud," said Milan. "Let's keep walking."
- 5 They got to a stand with samples of drinks made from vegetables. The samples were green! Milan thought they were strange. Dad drank five different samples. He said they all tasted great.

How are Dad's ideas different from Milan's ideas? Choose two answers.

- ☐ 1. Dad likes trying new things.
- ☐ 2. Dad thinks peaches taste good.
- ☐ 3. Dad wants to listen to the band.
- ☐ 4. Dad is excited to go to the market.

Question 5

Choose the sentence in the passage that tells how bats are different from birds.

Some people may think that bats are birds because bats fly. Bats have wings. Birds also have wings. Many birds eat insects. Some kinds of bats eat insects, too. Birds have feathers that cover their bodies, but bats have fur.

Question 6

Read the paragraph.

It is fun to grow a bean plant. You will need a large plastic cup, four lima beans, soil, water, and sunlight. Fill the cup about halfway with soil. Place the lima beans on top of the soil. Put more soil on top of the beans. Water the soil, and then place the cup near a window with lots of sunlight. Soon, you will see a plant begin to sprout!

Choose the sentence to complete the list of steps.

1. Get everything you need.
2. Fill the cup halfway with soil.
3. _____
4. Place more soil in the cup.
5. Water the soil.
6. Place the cup near a sunny window.

Add soil to the beans.

Pour some water on the soil.

Put the lima beans on the soil.

Put the plant in a sunny window.