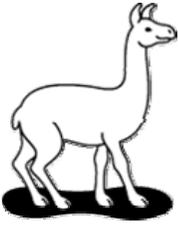


ELD Reading Test 2nd Grade

Early Advanced/Advanced

Directions: Read each of the passages. Then, read each of the questions that follow and decide on the **BEST** answer. There are a lot of different kinds of questions, so read each question carefully before marking your answer.



The Star Llama

Once there was a young Inca boy. He had no family except for an old llama. Each day the boy and his llama walked many miles, looking for a home. Each night they curled up together and slept. But one starry evening, the old llama died. The boy buried his friend next to an icy stream. Then he sat under a tree and cried. What would he do? He had no family and no home.

The boy cried for a very long time. But there was no one to comfort him. There were only the stars in the sky.

Suddenly, the sky filled with bright light. The boy held his breath. He was afraid to move. One bright star fell to the ground. Slowly, the star took the shape of the old llama. She bent her head and drank from the stream. She looked at the boy and smiled. As she jumped back into the sky, bits of llama wool fell.

As the Sun began to rise, the boy picked up the soft, warm wool. It glowed in his hands like starlight. He carried the wool to the city and sold it. With the money, he bought a house. He bought two young llamas. He never forgot the star llama. And he was never lonely again.

4. What happens at the end of the story?
- a) The boy buys a house and two llamas.
 - b) The boy buries the llama next to an icy stream.
 - c) The boy and his llama walk for many miles.
 - d) The boy cries for a very long time.

1. What happened BEFORE the old llama died?
- a) The boy bought two new llamas.
 - b) The boy and the llama walked many miles looking for a home.
 - c) The boy collected the wool and sold it in the city.
 - d) The old llama fell to the ground in the shape of a star

3. Read this sentence from the story: One *bright* star fell to the ground. What does *bright* mean?
- a) Old
 - b) Shining
 - c) New
 - d) Clean

2. Why does the boy cry when the old llama dies?
- a) because he is afraid of the dark.
 - b) because he is always sad.
 - c) because the old llama is his only family.
 - d) because he is lost.



Crow's Decision

One day a crow came and perched on the branch of the lovely tree where Blue Bird lived. Crow had been sitting on the branch for a while when Blue Bird asked him to fly away. "This nice tree near the garden is my home," Blue Bird said.

"Oh, no," replied Crow. "I'd like to live in this tree. From here I can see when Mrs. Brown plants her seeds in the garden. Then I can fly down and eat them."

"Let's ask if any of our friends have an opinion about who should live in this tree," said Blue Bird. "Then we will decide whose home it will be."

First they saw Rabbit hop by. "Who should live in this tree?" Crow asked.

Rabbit said, "I like Blue Bird's songs. I also like to eat the carrots from Mrs. Brown's garden. Last year you ate all the seeds, so there were no carrots. I like you, Crow, but I think Blue Bird should live in this tree."

Next Bee buzzed by. "Who should live in this tree?" Crow asked.

"I hate to say it, Crow, but I think Blue Bird should," Bee replied. "Last year you ate all the flower seeds. I can't make honey without flowers."

Crow thought for a moment. Then he said, "I understand, and this is what I will do. I will move to another tree down the lane. I will eat only seeds from the field. We will wait for Mrs. Brown's garden to grow. Then we can all enjoy some carrots and honey together."

Everyone liked Crow's idea, especially Blue Bird.

1. Why did Crow want to live in Blue Bird's tree?

- a) He liked to sing there.
- b) He wanted to be near Blue Bird.
- c) He could see Mrs. Brown's garden.
- d) He could see his friends.

2. What is this story mostly about?

- a) How Crow decided where to live
- b) What Mrs. Brown planted in her garden
- c) Foods animals like to eat
- d) The bird with the most friends

3. Rabbit did not want Crow to live in the tree because_____.

- a) Crow ate the carrot seeds
- b) Crow sang too much
- c) Crow ate the flower seeds
- d) Bee did not like Crow

4. What happened because Crow ate the flower seeds?

- a) Blue Bird could not sing.
- b) Bee could not make honey.
- c) Rabbit did not have carrots.
- d) Mrs. Brown had to move.

All About Bicycles

What has two wheels and two pedals? A bicycle, of course! Riding a bike is a good way to get around on your own.



Today's bikes are very different than they were long ago. They are easier to ride now and much lighter in weight.

The first bike was built in 1817 and was called a "swift-walker". Riders put their legs across the bike frame and walked very fast. There were no pedals on this bike. Instead, riders used their feet to start and stop the bike. Because the bike had no brakes, it wasn't very safe.

The first bikes had wooden wheels because rubber had not been invented yet. The wooden wheels made the bike ride a very bumpy one. So some people called the bikes "Boneshakers". The roads were not very smooth at all. Riders felt very bump in the road.

The frames of the first bikes were also made of wood. It wasn't until the 1870s when metal bikes showed up on the streets. These metal bikes were very heavy! Steel is still used in bikes today, but it is mixed with lighter metals.

There are many different kinds of bikes today. Touring bikes and mountain bikes are just two kinds. Touring bikes are used for riding on flat roads. They weigh only about 25 pounds, have narrow tires, and can go very fast.

Mountain bikes are for riding on hills or over rough grounds. They are heavier than touring bikes. Their tires are wide and have deep grooves in them. The grooves help the tires grip the ground which is important to riders going up steep hills.

These are only two of the many bikes we have today. Bike riding is easier, safer and more fun than ever before.

1. Which sentence describes a ride on an old bike?
 - a) A bicycle, of course!
 - b) What has two wheels and two pedals?
 - c) Touring bikes and mountain bikes are just two kinds.
 - d) Some people called the bikes "boneshakers."

2. Why do the first bikes have wooden tires?
 - a) To be safe
 - b) Wood costs less money
 - c) Wood looks better
 - d) Rubber wasn't invented yet

3. In the passage a touring bike is compared to a _____ bike.
 - a) Steel
 - b) Mountain
 - c) Boneshaker
 - d) Swift-walker

4. What word picture does the "swift-walker" bike bring to your mind?
 - a) Moving slowly
 - b) Moving quickly
 - c) Standing still
 - e) Shaking bones

Reading Test Answer Key

2nd Grade Early Advanced/Advanced Level

Question	Answer		Function	Student Response (Correct or Incorrect)	
1.	C	Because the old llama is his only family.	Explain needs, feelings, opinions and thoughts	C	I
2.	B	The boy and the llama walked many miles looking for a home.	Define, explain actions and sequence	C	I
3.	C	shining	Make predictions, inference, cause and effect	C	I
4.	A	The boy buys a house and two llamas	Describe spatial and temporal relations.	C	I
5.	C	He could see Mrs. Brown's garden.	Justify and persuade	C	I
6.	A	How crow decided where to live.	Summarize, draw conclusions and make generalizations.	C	I
7.	C	Crow ate the flower seeds.	Define, explain actions and sequence.	C	I
8.	B	Bee could not make honey.	Make predictions, inference, cause and effect	C	I
9.	D	Some people called the bikes "boneshakers."	Describe characteristics of people places and things	C	I
10.	D	Rubber wasn't invented yet.	Ask and answer clarifying and informational questions.	C	I
11.	B	Mountain	Compare and contrast	C	I
12.	B	Moving quickly	Make predictions, inference, cause and effect	C	C

Functions Requiring Further Development

- Explain needs, feelings, opinions and thoughts
- Define, explain actions and sequence
- Make predictions, inference, cause and effect
- Describe spatial and temporal relations
- Justify and persuade
- Summarize, draw conclusions and make generalizations
- Describe characteristics of people places and things
- Ask and answer clarifying and informational questions
- Compare and contrast