

ELD Reading Test Grades 3-5 Beginner/Early Intermediate

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 Pianist



My name is Mia Lynne Lindstrom. I am a pianist. I began studying the piano when I was three years old. I am ten years old now. I play the piano in the junior orchestra at the community college. We give a concert twice a year. I am always practicing new music for the next concert.

During the school year, I take four piano lessons every week from my piano teacher, Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor teaches piano lessons at the college. In the summer, I take two lessons every week. I practice playing the piano about ten hours every week. I practice very hard because I want to learn everything about playing the piano.

The piano is a very interesting instrument to play. I like reading the notes, moving my fingers on the keys, and hearing the beautiful music. It is sometimes difficult, but I always practice until I can play the music perfectly. I am not sure what I want to be when I grow up. I do know that playing the piano will always be a major part of my life. It is very special to me.

1. Where does Mia take her piano lessons every week?
 - a) at her elementary school
 - b) at home
 - c) at the community college
 - d) none of these

2. Mia practices the piano because _____.
 - a) her parents require her to practice
 - b) Mia wants to learn everything about the piano
 - c) Mrs. Taylor requires her to practice
 - d) she wants to be a piano teacher one day

3. Mia feels that the piano

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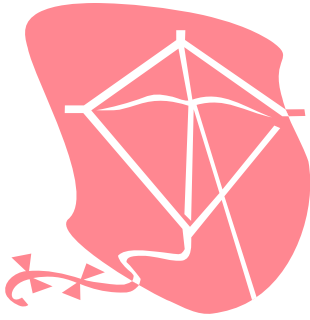
- a) is an interesting instrument to play
- b) will always be a part of her life
- c) requires hours of regular practice
- d) all of the above

4. How many hours a week does Mia practice the piano?

- a) two hours
- b) five hours
- c) ten hours
- d) twelve hour

5. The music Mia practices for the orchestra concerts_____.

- a) is probably difficult
- b) is very easy to learn
- c) is not interesting to Mia
- d) is boring



The Perfect Gift

Mario had five dollars to spend on a birthday present for his sister Rosita. Rosita was going to be six years old.

Mario went to the toy store. Mario looked at games. He looked at books, paints, dolls, and soccer balls. Nothing seemed like a gift his sister would enjoy. He started to leave when a tall clerk stopped him.

"May I help you?" the clerk asked.

"I'm looking for a present," Mario answered, "but I can't find anything."

"These kites just came in," the clerk said. He pointed to some boxes that were unopened. "Would you like to look at them?"

The kites were great, and they cost only \$4.29. Mario knew he had found the perfect gift. He bought a red box kite with a fish on it. He knew it would make Rosita happy.

6. Where does this story take place?

- a) In a kitchen
- b) In a school
- c) In a store
- d) On a playground

7. What was on the kite Mario chose?

- a) A soccer ball
- b) A car
- c) A dog
- d) A fish

8. What was Mario's main problem in this story?

- a) He couldn't find a toy store.
- b) He didn't know what to buy for his sister.
- c) No one in the store helped him.
- d) He didn't have enough money for the gift.

9. How did Mario find the kite?

- a) A clerk showed it to him.
- b) It was in the window.
- c) A boy was flying one.
- d) He saw it near the books.



A Big Frog

The bullfrog is the largest frog in the United States. It can grow to be eight inches long. Bullfrogs jump far. Some bullfrogs can leap as far as six feet.

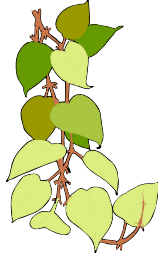
A bullfrog eats almost anything small that moves. A bullfrog eats worms, insects, small fish, and even other frogs. A bullfrog does not hunt for its food. It sits still and waits for a small animal to come near. Then the bullfrog catches the animal in its mouth. Sometimes the bullfrog uses its strong tongue to put food into its mouth.

10. In this passage, a bullfrog uses its tongue to____.
- a) wash its food
 - b) stay awake
 - c) catch its food
 - d) close its mouth

12. Paragraph 2 of this passage is mostly about____.
- a) a bullfrog's food
 - b) a bullfrog's tongue
 - c) where a bullfrog sleeps
 - d) why a bullfrog gets tired

13. Why does a bullfrog sit still?
- a) It is sleeping.
 - b) It is too big to move.
 - c) It is afraid of other animals.
 - d) It is waiting for food.

11. What steps does a bullfrog follow to catch and eat food?
- a) First, it catches an animal. Second, it sits still and waits. Finally, it puts the animal in its mouth.
 - b) First, it sits still and waits. Second, it catches an animal. Finally, it puts the animal in its mouth.
 - c) Finally, it puts the animal in its mouth. First, it sits still and waits. Second, it puts the animal in its mouth.
 - d) Second, it catches an animal. Finally, it puts the animal in its mouth. First, it sits still and waits.



How to Grow a Bean Plant

Things you need:

- Seeds
- Soil
- Paper cup
- Water

Follow these steps:

1. Put the seeds in water overnight.
2. Fill a paper cup with soil the next day.
3. Add enough water to make the soil damp.
4. Push the seeds about 1/2 inch into the soil.
5. Put the cup in a warm place with some light.
6. Add a few drops of water to the soil each day.

In one or two weeks, a little plant will begin to emerge from the soil.

14. In these directions, the word damp means ____.
- a) tight
 - b) warm
 - c) wet
 - d) light

16. The cup should stay ____.
- a) in a warm place
 - b) in the closet
 - c) in a dry place
 - d) in a box

15. Which are the correct steps for growing a bean plant?
- a) Put seeds in soil, put in cool place
 - b) Put seeds in water, plant in soil, put in warm place with some light
 - c) Put soil in cup, put in warm place, plant seeds
 - d) Put cup in warm place

Autumn



Autumn is the season that falls between summer and winter. There are many changes that begin in this fascinating season. Days become shorter. Leaves of trees turn from green to vibrant red, yellow and orange. Trees need sunlight to keep their leaves a lively green. Without sunlight leaves turn colors. The grass is no longer blanketed with dew but with frost, almost every morning, as temperatures reach the freezing point. Animals start storing up a food supply to last the long winter months. These changes occur as the as we adjust from the heat of the summer to the chill of the winter.

17. Autumn occurs between summer and which other season?

- a) January
- b) Spring
- c) Winter
- d) Solstice

18. Which of the following changes may occur during Autumn?

- a) Days become shorter
- b) It becomes very hot
- c) Days become longer
- d) There is more sunlight

19. Why do leaves change color during Autumn?

- a) They don't get enough oxygen
- b) They don't get enough light
- c) They don't get enough water
- d) They get too much oxygen

20. What do animals begin to do to prepare for the end of Autumn?

- a) Store extra body fat
- b) Eat less
- c) Shed fur
- d) Turn colors

Reading Test Answer Key

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?	Answer		Function	Student Response (Correct or Incorrect)	
1.	C	At the community college	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
2.	C	Ten hours	Describe Spatial and Temporal Relations	C	I
3.	B	Mia wants to learn everything about the piano.	Describe Actions	C	I
4.	A	Is probably difficult.	Describe People and Things	C	I
5.	D	All of the above	Express Needs, Likes and Feelings	C	I
6.	C	In a store	Describe Places	C	I
7.	D	Fish	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
8.	B	He didn't know what to buy for his sister.	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
9.	A	A clerk showed it to him.	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
10.	C	Catch its food.	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
11.	A	A bullfrog's food.	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
12.	B	It is waiting for food.	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
13.	C	Sits still, waits for small animal to come near, catches animal in mouth.	Give and Follow Directions, Sequence	C	I
14.	C	Wet	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
15.	A	A warm place	Describe Places	C	I
16.	B	Put seeds in water, plant in soil, put in warm place with some light.	Give and Follow Directions, Sequence	C	I
17.	C	Winter	Describe Spatial and Temporal Relations	C	I
18.	A	Days become shorter.	Describe Spatial and Temporal Relations	C	I
19.	B	They don't get enough light.	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I
20.	A	Store extra body fat	Ask and Answer Clarifying and Informational Questions	C	I

Functions Requiring Further Development

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