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Sample Booklet

Grade 4
Reading, Form A



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Overview of STAAR MASTER® Practice Tests

The *STAAR MASTER® Practice Tests* allow teachers to assess their students' mastery of the curriculum standards tested on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™). Each Practice Test reflects the test structure and content outlined in the corresponding STAAR blueprint provided by the Texas Education Agency. Teachers can find the blueprint for each STAAR assessment at the agency's Web site: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us>.

In particular, each *STAAR MASTER Practice Test* includes—

- course-specific practice items based only on the eligible Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)
- the exact number of practice items specified in the blueprint for the corresponding test
- the correct number of practice items for both readiness standards and supporting standards, reflecting the ratio specified in test blueprints
- the appropriate number of griddable practice items (mathematics only)
- rigorous practice items that assess skills at a greater depth

The Teacher Guide for each *STAAR MASTER Practice Test* includes a correlation chart that provides the following information for each item:

- correct answer
- reporting category
- tested standard(s)
- identification as readiness vs. supporting standard
- complexity level

For a complete list of the eligible TEKS for the appropriate subject and grade level, refer to the *STAAR MASTER Student Practice Books*.

When administering any of the *STAAR MASTER Practice Test*, teachers should be aware of the following points.

1. Each actual STAAR assessment has a 4-hour time limit. The same time limit should be set for any practice test administered to students.
2. Dictionaries must be available for all students taking the STAAR reading assessment (grades 6–8 only) and writing assessment (grade 7 only). Dictionaries should be available to students for those subject areas and at those grade levels during practice tests, as well.

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Each *STAAR MASTER® Practice Test Teacher Guide* includes a Correlation Chart with pertinent information for each item in the test booklet.

Correlation Chart Features:

- complete answer key
- identification of the reporting category for each item
- standard(s) and expectation(s) tested in each item
- identification of readiness and supporting standards
- complexity level (Low, Moderate, High) of each item

Answer Key

Item	Answer	Category	Standard(s)	Readiness	Supporting	Complexity Level*
1	C	1	4.2A	X		H
2	C	3	4.11C	X		M
3	C	2	4.RC.D (Fig. 19)		X	H
4	D	3	4.11D	X		M
5	C	2	4.RC.D (Fig. 19)		X	M
6	B	1	4.7A		X	H
7	B	1	4.7A		X	H
8	D	1	4.7A		X	H

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See page 3 of this Sample Booklet for a detailed description of the STAAR MASTER® Practice Tests.

A Dog Delivered

1 Odie stood next to his sister, Penny, in the kitchen. He nudged Penny, wondering what she thought of their new home. Odie wagged his tail, and Penny copied him. Their tails said it all. Penny and Odie liked their new home.



2 Josie liked having Penny and Odie, too. She had always wanted to have a puppy, and now she had two! Every time they went for a walk together, people would say, “Oh, how cute! What are their names?”

3 The reply was always the same. “The one with the red collar is Penny because she is small with copper-colored spots. The one with the blue collar is Odie. In stories written many years ago, Penny—short for Penelope—was married to Odysseus. So, he’s Odie. According to Greek legend,

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Standard 2 (Context Clues) M

28. Read the sentences from paragraph 5 of the story.

As the truck drove past them, Odie darted to the right, pulling his leash from Josie’s hand. He bolted across a neighbor’s lawn, dragging his leash behind him.

What does the word bolted mean in the sentences above?

- A Ran
- B Rolled
- C Strolled
- D Wandered

Standard/Expectation

Complexity Level

Standard 6 (Plot’s Main Events) L

29. Which of the following best explains why Odie breaks free of Josie?

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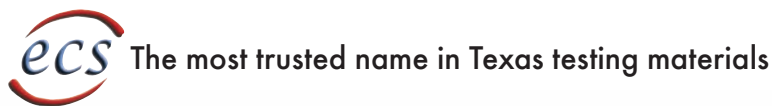
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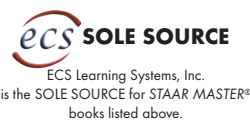
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