

# STAAR MASTER<sup>®</sup>

Practice Test

## Sample Booklet

Grade 5  
Reading, Form A



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### Teacher Guide

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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	D	1	5.2B	X		M
2	C	2	5.6A	X		M
3	B	2	5.3B		X	M
4	D	2	5.6A	X		M
5	C	2	5.6B	X		M
6	D	2	5.RC.D (Fig. 19)	X		H
7	B	1	5.3A		X	H
8	D	1	5.RC.F	X		M

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## Practice Test

# Reading Grade 5 Form A

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## Why the Crow is Black

### An Australian Aboriginal Myth

- 1 One day, a crow and a hawk hunted together in the bush, but without success. So, after traveling together for some time, they decided to hunt in opposite directions. They agreed, at the close of day, to share whatever game they caught.
- 2 The crow traveled against the sun and at noon arrived at a broad lagoon—the favorite haunt of wild ducks. He hid in the tall green reeds surrounding the lagoon and prepared to trap the ducks. First, he took some white clay, softened it with water, and placed two pieces in his nostrils. He then cut a long piece of hollow reed for breathing underwater. Finally, he tied a net bag around his waist to store the ducks in.
- 3 The tall gum trees reflected like a miniature forest on the still surface of the lagoon. The ducks, with their bronze feathers glistening in the sun, swam among the clumps of reeds. They only paused to dive for a tasty meal hidden deep in the waterweeds. The crow placed the reed in his mouth and silently waded into the water. He quickly submerged himself. The only sign of his presence in the lagoon was a piece of dry reed projecting above the water's surface. When he

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Standard/Expectation

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Complexity Level

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Use “Why the Crow is Black” to answer questions 1–3.

Use “Why the Emu Has Short Wings” to answer questions 4–6.

Standard 2 (Context Clues) M

1. What is the meaning of the word haunt in paragraph 2?
  - A A duck trap
  - B A broad lagoon
  - C A kind of duck food
  - D A place visited often

Standard 6 (Events to Advance Story) M

2. The crow and the hawk decide to travel in different directions because they—

Standard 6 (Events to Advance Story) M

4. Why does the emu decide to leave her home in the sky?
  - A The emu wants to escape because she is not happy.
  - B The emu is tired of living in the sky away from the other birds.
  - C The dancing birds invite the emu to the earth to learn their dances.
  - D The emu is interested in the dancing birds she saw from the

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