

SAT-10 Primary 3 (Grade 3)

Reading Practice Test — Set 4

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade Level: Primary 3 (Grade 3)

Subtests: Reading Vocabulary & Reading Comprehension

Total Questions: 24

Suggested Time: 35–45 minutes (untimed in real test)

Goal Score: 45th percentile or higher (Florida promotion)

***For the parent / coach:** Sit beside Vy in a quiet space. Have her read each passage twice before answering. After she finishes, walk through the Answer Key together and have her find the proof in the passage for every question.*

Section 1 | Reading Vocabulary

Directions: Read each sentence. The word in **CAPITAL LETTERS** is the word you need to think about. Choose the answer that means **about the same** as the word in capital letters.

1. The students were **ALERT** and listening carefully.

- A sleepy
- B paying close attention
- C loud
- D absent

2. Maria's gift was a **GENEROUS** amount of money.

- A tiny
- B large and giving
- C fake
- D sad

3. The hikers found a **SHELTER** under the big rock.

- A puddle
- B danger
- C safe place
- D mountain

4. The little dog was **FRIGHTENED** by the loud thunder.

- A brave
- B happy
- C scared
- D sleeping

5. Dad will **REPAIR** the broken fence on Saturday.

- A paint
- B destroy
- C fix
- D sell

6. Sam's room was a **TIDY** place with no mess.

- A dirty
- B neat
- C tiny
- D loud

7. The clouds in the sky began to **VANISH** after the storm.

- A grow

- B disappear
- C explode
- D fall

8. Lin offered to ASSIST her grandma with the groceries.

- A fight
- B help
- C watch
- D listen

9. Anna's costume was FANCY for the school play.

- A plain
- B torn
- C decorated and special
- D old

10. The crowd was QUIET when the speaker began to talk.

- A loud
- B silent
- C angry
- D jumping

Section 2 | Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read each passage. Then answer the questions. You may look back at the passage if you need to.

Passage 1 — A Story

Jada's First Soccer Game

Jada had practiced soccer for weeks. Today was her very first real game. As she put on her blue jersey, her stomach felt full of butterflies.

"What if I miss the ball?" she asked her dad. "What if I let the team down?"

Her dad smiled. "Just have fun out there. You worked hard. Trust yourself."

On the field, the other team kicked off first. They were quick. Jada chased a player who had the ball. She slid forward, stuck out her foot, and kicked the ball away. Her teammates cheered.

Later, the ball rolled right toward Jada. The goal was just a few feet ahead. Her heart pounded. She kicked the ball as hard as she could. It zoomed past the goalkeeper and into the net. GOAL!

Her teammates rushed over and hugged her. Jada had scored her first goal ever.

When the game ended, Jada's team had won 2 to 1. Her dad gave her a high five.

"See?" he said. "You were ready all along."

Jada grinned. The butterflies in her stomach were all gone.

11. What color was Jada's jersey? [Initial Understanding]

- A red
- B blue
- C green
- D yellow

12. How did Jada feel BEFORE the game started? [Initial Understanding]

- A Bored and tired
- B Nervous and worried
- C Angry
- D Sleepy

13. What does the phrase "butterflies in her stomach" mean? [Interpretation]

- A She had eaten too much
- B She felt nervous

- C She was hungry
- D She had real bugs in her belly

14. Why did Jada's dad say, "You were ready all along"? [Critical Analysis]

- A He was tired of watching her play
- B She had practiced hard and her work paid off
- C Her mom told him to say it
- D She wore the right shoes

15. What is the lesson of this story? [Reading Strategies]

- A Soccer is the best sport
- B If you work hard and trust yourself, you can do well
- C Always wear blue
- D Goalkeepers are easy to score on

Passage 2 — A Nonfiction Article

Animals That Sleep All Winter

When winter comes, the world gets cold. Snow covers the ground, and many plants die. Food becomes hard to find. To survive, some animals sleep through the whole winter. This very deep sleep is called hibernation.

Bears are well-known hibernators. In the fall, a bear eats lots and lots of food. It builds up a thick layer of fat under its fur. When winter comes, the bear finds a cave or hollow tree and curls up inside. It barely moves for many months. Its heart slows down, and it breathes slowly. The bear's fat keeps it alive.

Groundhogs are another animal that hibernates. They dig deep tunnels in the ground and sleep until spring. While they sleep, their body temperature drops very low.

Frogs and turtles also hibernate. Some frogs even bury themselves in the mud at the bottom of ponds! Their hearts almost stop beating until the water warms up again.

When spring arrives and the air gets warmer, all of these animals wake up. They are very hungry and start looking for food right away. After their long sleep, they are ready to live and grow until winter comes again.

16. What is the deep sleep that some animals do in winter called? [Initial Understanding]

- A napping
- B hibernation
- C camouflage
- D dreaming

17. How does a bear get ready for hibernation in the fall? [Initial Understanding]

- A It learns a song
- B It eats lots of food to build a thick fat layer
- C It paints its cave
- D It buys a blanket

18. Why do animals hibernate in winter? [Interpretation]

- A Because they are bored
- B Because food is hard to find and the cold is dangerous
- C Because winter is fun
- D Because they want to grow taller

19. Which sentence from the passage best supports the idea that hibernation is a very deep sleep? [Critical Analysis]

- A "Snow covers the ground."

- B "Their hearts almost stop beating until the water warms up again."
- C "Bears are well-known hibernators."
- D "They are very hungry."

20. Which animal was NOT mentioned as a hibernator? [Reading Strategies]

- A Bear
- B Groundhog
- C Wolf
- D Frog

Passage 3 — Instructions

How to Wash Your Hands the Right Way

Washing your hands the right way helps stop germs from spreading. Follow these simple steps to keep yourself and others healthy.

What you will need:

- Clean running water (warm or cold)
- Soap
- A clean towel or paper towel

Steps:

1. Turn on the water and wet your hands.
2. Squirt some soap into your hands. A little is enough.
3. Rub your hands together to make bubbles. Be sure to scrub the back of your hands, between your fingers, and under your fingernails.
4. Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. A good way to time this is to sing the "Happy Birthday" song two times in your head.
5. Rinse your hands well under the running water. Make sure all the soap is gone.
6. Turn off the water. Dry your hands with a clean towel.

When should you wash your hands? Wash before eating, after using the bathroom, after touching animals, after sneezing or coughing, and any time your hands look dirty. Clean hands save lives!

21. How long should you scrub your hands with soap? [Initial Understanding]

- A At least 5 seconds
- B At least 20 seconds
- C At least one minute
- D Until you get tired

22. What can you sing to help time your scrubbing? [Initial Understanding]

- A The ABC song one time
- B "Happy Birthday" two times
- C Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- D Any song you like

23. Why is it important to scrub between your fingers and under your fingernails? [Interpretation]

- A Because that is where toys are kept
- B Because germs can hide in those small spots
- C Because the soap likes those places
- D Because it feels good

24. When does the passage tell you to wash your hands? [Critical Analysis]

- **A** Only at bedtime
- **B** Only when your hands are dirty
- **C** Before eating, after the bathroom, after sneezing, and other times
- **D** Once a week

Parent Answer Key with Reasoning

How to use this key: Score the test together. For every question Vy missed, read the reasoning out loud and have her go back to the passage to find the proof. Goal: teach her how to think through the question.

Quick Scoring Grid

#	Answer	#	Answer	#	Answer	#	Answer
1	B	2	B	3	C	4	C
5	C	6	B	7	B	8	B
9	C	10	B	11	B	12	B
13	B	14	B	15	B	16	B
17	B	18	B	19	B	20	C
21	B	22	B	23	B	24	C

Detailed Reasoning

Question 1: Answer = B (paying close attention)

ALERT means awake, watchful, paying attention.

Question 2: Answer = B (large and giving)

GENEROUS means giving freely — usually a big or kind amount.

Question 3: Answer = C (safe place)

SHELTER means a place that protects you from weather or danger.

Question 4: Answer = C (scared)

FRIGHTENED means scared. Loud thunder scares small dogs.

Question 5: Answer = C (fix)

To REPAIR something means to fix what is broken.

Question 6: Answer = B (neat)

TIDY means neat and orderly — the opposite of messy.

Question 7: Answer = B (disappear)

To VANISH means to disappear suddenly.

Question 8: Answer = B (help)

To ASSIST means to help. Lin is helping her grandma.

Question 9: Answer = C (decorated and special)

FANCY means decorated, special — not plain.

Question 10: Answer = B (silent)

QUIET means silent, with no noise.

Question 11: Answer = B (blue)

Stated in paragraph 1: 'she put on her blue jersey.'

Question 12: Answer = B (Nervous and worried)

Stated: 'her stomach felt full of butterflies' and she asked 'What if I miss the ball?' Both are nervous signs.

Question 13: Answer = B (She felt nervous)

This is a common saying. The story makes it clear from her worried questions and the doubt she shows.

Question 14: Answer = B (She had practiced hard and her work paid off)

Story says 'Jada had practiced soccer for weeks.' Her hard work led to her goal. Dad means she was prepared.

Question 15: Answer = B (If you work hard and trust yourself, you can do well)

The whole story is about practice + courage = success. That's the lesson.

Question 16: Answer = B (hibernation)

Stated: 'This very deep sleep is called hibernation.'

Question 17: Answer = B (It eats lots of food to build a thick fat layer)

Stated: 'a bear eats lots and lots of food. It builds up a thick layer of fat under its fur.'

Question 18: Answer = B (Because food is hard to find and the cold is dangerous)

First paragraph: 'the world gets cold... Food becomes hard to find. To survive, some animals sleep through the whole winter.'

Question 19: Answer = B ('Their hearts almost stop beating...')

Hearts almost stopping shows just how DEEP the sleep is. The other quoted lines are general details.

Question 20: Answer = C (Wolf)

The passage names bears, groundhogs, frogs, and turtles. Wolves are not mentioned. Use process of elimination.

Question 21: Answer = B (At least 20 seconds)

Step 4: 'Keep scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.'

Question 22: Answer = B ('Happy Birthday' two times)

Step 4: 'sing the Happy Birthday song two times in your head.'

Question 23: Answer = B (Because germs can hide in those small spots)

Real-world reasoning. The passage is about stopping germs. Germs hide in tight places.

Question 24: Answer = C (Before eating, after the bathroom, after sneezing, and other times)

Last paragraph lists ALL these times. The other answers are too narrow.