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# Ohio Achievement Tests



Reading

## Student Test Booklet

Half-Length Practice Tests

## **Acknowledgments**

## Reading

#### Selection 1: Hamburger Me at the Car!

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#### Selection 2: Little Caribou

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#### **Selection 3: Grocery Oasis**

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#### **Directions:**

Today you will be taking the Ohio Grade 4 Reading Practice Test. This is a test of how well you understand what you read. Three different types of questions appear on this test: multiple choice, short answer and extended response.

There are several important things to remember:

- 1. Read each selection to see what it is about. You may look back at the reading selection as often as necessary.
- 2. Read each question carefully. Think about what is being asked. If a graph or other diagram goes with the question, look at it carefully to help you answer the question. Then choose or write the answer that you think is best.
- 3. When you write your answers, write them neatly and clearly in the space provided using a pencil.
- 4. When you are asked to select the answer, make sure you fill in the circle next to the answer. Mark only one answer.
- 5. If you do not know the answer to the question, skip it and go on. If you have time, go back to the questions you skipped and answer them before you hand in your Student Test Booklet.
- 6. If you finish the test early, you may check over your work. When you are finished and your Student Test Booklet has been collected, you may take out your silent work.



Directions: Read the selection.

#### Hamburger Me at the Car!

by Unknown



Watson sat on the edge of his bed and looked out his bedroom window. He glanced at his watch. It was 9:59 a.m. A moment later, at exactly 10:00, he saw Ross Bailey leave his house. Ross strolled down the sidewalk with an empty white sack slung over his shoulder.

Watson felt like a detective on his first case. He raced down the steps to follow Ross. Every Saturday at exactly 10:00 a.m., Ross Bailey left with that empty sack. He always returned later with his friend Buddy and a full sack. *Just where were they going, and what did they put in that sack?* Watson meant to find out!

The front door slammed behind Watson as he left to follow Ross down the street.

Watson raced to the end of the street and looked both ways, but Ross had disappeared.

For the rest of the week, Watson watched Ross on the school bus and in the classroom. He followed him home. But nothing happened.



Then, on Friday afternoon, Watson saw Ross pass a note to Buddy. Buddy read the note, crumpled it up, and tossed it across the room and into the trash can. Then he smiled at Ross and signaled two thumbs up.

A *clue!* Watson thought as he eyed the trash can. When class ended, Watson was the last one out. As he passed the trash can, he scooped up the note.

At home, Watson unfolded the note. This is how it looked:

"Hamburger me at the car on Saturday! The money will be all clock!" Watson read. This makes no sense at all, he thought. *It must be a secret code!* 

During dinner, Watson thought about the note. He thought about it as he helped wash dishes and again during his bath. That night, he closed his eyes and tried to sleep, but all he could think about was the note.

A hamburger is meat, Watson thought. The car is parked, and time goes by in hours! All at once, it made sense. **Meet** me at the **park** on Saturday. The **money** will be all **ours!** 

Watson jumped out of bed early Saturday morning and hurried to the park. It wasn't long before Ross and Buddy arrived. Ross was carrying the sack. Watson huddled down behind the bush.

Watson watched as Ross and Buddy wandered around the edge of the park. They bent down every now and then to pick up shiny objects and drop them into the sack.

What could the objects be? Watson wondered. They're too big to be coins. Could they be silver or gold?

The sack was almost full when Ross and Buddy walked by Watson's hiding place. Suddenly, Watson jumped out.

"I caught you!" he shouted.

The boys jumped and dropped the sack. Ross stared at Watson. "Caught us doing what?" he demanded.





"Getting the money!"

For a moment, Ross and Buddy looked confused. Then Ross began to laugh.

"You must have read my note!" he said.

Buddy laughed too. "But we haven't gotten the money yet," he said as he turned the sack upside down. Aluminum cans spilled to the ground.

Watson looked at the cans, then at the boys.

"We get the money when we take the cans to the recycling center," Buddy explained. "You can help us if you want to."

Watson was quiet for a moment. "Thanks," he said finally, "but I still have some work to do."

Already, Watson was planning his next case. *Just who is dropping empty cans in the park? And why?* Watson meant to find out!

#### Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 1 – 8.

 Watson raced to the end of the street and looked both ways, but Ross had disappeared.

What does the prefix **dis-** do to the word **appear**?

- O A. The prefix dis-changes the meaning to often appears.
- O B. The prefix **dis-** changes the meaning to **appears again**.
- O C. The prefix **dis-** changes the meaning to **does not appear**.
- O D. The prefix dis-changes the meaning to will appear once.



2. This makes no sense at all, he thought. It must be a **secret** code!

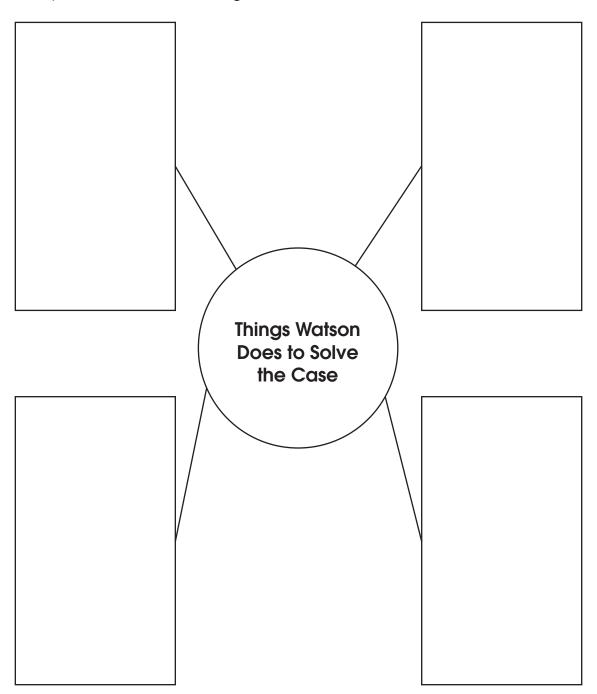
What is an antonym for **secret**?

- O A. difficult
- O B. well known
- O C. private
- O D. very quiet
- 3. Who is telling the story in this selection?
  - O A. Watson
  - O B. Buddy
  - O C. narrator
  - O D. Ross
- 4. In the beginning of the selection, what makes Watson race down the stairs and out the front door?
  - O A. He wants to catch the school bus.
  - O B. He wants to follow Buddy.
  - O C. He wants to meet Ross at the park.
  - O D. He wants to follow Ross.



How does Watson feel when he goes to bed Friday night?				
0	Α.	He is afraid he will oversleep.		
0	B.	He is puzzled about the note from the trash.		
0	C.	He is tired of following Ross home.		
0	D.	He hopes Ross and Buddy will share the money.		
Before he stops them in the park, what does Watson think Ross and Buddy are doing?				
0	Α.	He thinks they are taking someone's money.		
0	B.	He thinks they are picking up trash.		
0	C.	He thinks they are going to get hamburgers.		
0	D.	He thinks they are solving mysteries.		
How do you think Watson feels when the boys spill aluminum cans on the ground?				
Explain your answer.				

8. Complete the web with things Watson does to solve the case.



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Directions: Read the selection.

## Little Caribou

by Sarah Fox-Davies



#### A Baby Caribou Is Born

In the far north, at the edge of the frozen Arctic Ocean, is a land without trees called the tundra. There in early spring, a little caribou calf is born. Her mother, Cow Caribou, urges her to stand on her shaky new legs.

#### Life in the Tundra

The tundra is bitterly cold. There is no shelter from the howling wind, but Little Caribou drinks her mother's warm milk and grows strong. When she is one week old, Little Caribou is strong enough to run around all day.

A huge herd of caribou cows roams the tundra, and with the cows are lots of other calves for Little Caribou to play with.

Soon the sun shines day and night. Even at midnight it is still light. The grass grows fresh green leaves, and flowers bloom. Cow Caribou eagerly eats the young plants.

#### The Journey South for the Winter

When Little Caribou is eight weeks old, the summer heat begins to fade. Sharp frosts turn the tundra to red and gold. Soon the tundra will be covered with





ice. It is time for the caribou to move south, toward the forests where they will spend the winter.

Little Caribou has grown small antler spikes, and she is strong like her mother. Together they walk, day after day, and swim through deep, fast-flowing water.

Cow Caribou leads her calf across steep mountain slopes and down sheltered valleys where small trees grow. The herd walks along trails worn deep and smooth by countless caribou that have gone this way before.

When winter comes, thick snow covers the ground. The days get shorter and shorter, until there is almost constant darkness.

#### Winter in the Forest

Icy winds blow across the frozen lakes, but Little Caribou is warm in her dense fur coat. Cow Caribou digs craters in the snow with her hooves to find plants for them to eat. For many months they roam the forest always moving in search of food.

Then, slowly, light returns to the forest. Cow Caribou senses that spring is coming. It is time to show Little Caribou the way back through the mountains to the tundra. From every part of the forest, other cows and calves are traveling north.

#### The Journey Home

For days and days, the caribou travel through the mountains. Blizzards blow, hiding the sun, and there is hardly anything to eat.

At last they reach the tundra. Soon the snow melts and grass starts to grow. In a quiet place, Cow Caribou gives birth to a new baby calf.

Little Caribou is almost fully grown. She has survived the long winter in the forest and learned to find food for herself. In her first year she has walked more than two thousand miles. Born to travel, Little Caribou will spend her whole life on the move. Her home is the herd.

#### Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 9 - 15.

9. When Little Caribou is eight weeks old, the summer heat begins to **fade**. Sharp frosts turn the tundra to red and gold. Soon the tundra will be covered with ice.

Which definition of **fade** is used in the sentence?

**fade** fad/v. 1) to change color. 2) to lose strength. 3) to move backward. 4) to lose health.

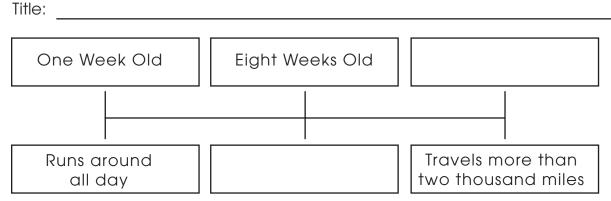
- O A. definition 1
- O B. definition 2
- O C. definition 3
- O D. definition 4

10. For many months they **roam** the forest always moving in search of food.

What word in the sentence above helps define the word **roam**?

- O A. months
- O B. moving
- O C. food
- O D. forest

Use information from the selection to complete the timeline below. Provide a title for the timeline.



Write a detail from the selection that supports the main idea of each 12. section. The first one is done for you.

#### A Baby Caribou Is Born

The mother caribou urges the newborn calf to stand on shaky legs.

Winter in the Forest

The Journey Home



13.	Which of these sentences describes the tundra in the summer?				
	0	A.	The tundra is sunny both day and night.		
	0	B.	The tundra has dark days and nights.		
	0	C.	The tundra is covered with ice.		
	0	D.	The tundra is red and gold.		
14.	What must the caribou travel through to get back to the tundra?				
	0	A.	craters		
	0	B.	frozen lakes		
	0	C.	mountains		
	0	D.	Arctic Ocean		
15.	Describe two ways Little Caribou changes as she gets older. Use information				
	froi	m the	e selection in your answer.		

a.

b.



Directions: Read the selection.

#### **Grocery Oasis**

By Ruth Haq

When we're tired of tramping on hot concrete

That toasts our sneakers

And roasts our feet,

And the sidewalk sizzles,

And the pavement shimmers

With wavy wiggles of radiant heat,

We come at last to the welcome door Of the air-conditioned

Grocery store.

What soothing coolness,

What frigid freshness—

From desert sand to oasis floor!

Let's stay all day,

Let's spend a while

In the frozen juice

And ice cream aisle!

Choosing greens

Will be specially nice—

We can dip our hands

In the chips of ice.

Let's not go out again on the street

To the sizzling sidewalk and hot concrete;

We'll be scorched if we stay in that heat anymore—

Let's wait for night in the grocery store!



#### Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 16 - 20.

- 16. How does the speaker feel when she comes to the grocery store door?
  - O A. surprised
  - O B. relieved
  - O C. disappointed
  - O D. angry
- 17. Which phrase from the poem describes cool temperatures?
  - O A. toasts our sneakers
  - O B. the pavement shimmers
  - O C. what frigid freshness
  - O D. roasts our feet
- 18. What is the oasis in the poem?
  - O A. the sizzling sidewalk
  - O B. the desert
  - O C. the grocery store
  - O D. the street

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- 19. What could be another title for this poem?
  - O A. Hot Sneakers
  - O B. My Friends and Me
  - O C. Nighttime in the Grocery
  - O D. Escaping the Heat
- 20. What does the speaker want to do next?
  - O A. go back outside to tramp on the hot concrete
  - O B. eat ice cream outside
  - O C. wait for night on the hot concrete
  - O D. stay in the grocery until the sun goes down

