New York State Testing Program

NYSESLAT

Grades 3–4

TEST SAMPLER

STUDENT BOOKLET

NAME ____________________________
I will say something to you. Listen and then answer.

What do you like about learning math?
Look at the words above the picture, and read them silently as I read them out loud. Then look at the picture and finish the sentence. Use the picture to choose your words.

The teacher asked Bao what the temperature was, so . . .
Look at the picture. Listen to the question about the picture. Then answer the question. Be sure to answer both parts of the question.

What are the children doing, and what are they probably thinking?
Look carefully at the map. Answer the questions based on the information provided.

What does the map show?
Based on the map, explain how to get from the home to the school.
Look at the three pictures. Tell a story about what you see in the pictures.

First
1

Next
2

Last
3
Listen to the question. Find the picture that answers the question. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

1

A

B

C
You will hear a brief story or conversation. Then you will hear a question. Find the picture that answers the question. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

A

B

C
You will hear a brief story or conversation. Then read the question and answers silently as I read them out loud. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

Where should you stand?

A  In front of the class
B  Beside your desk
C  In a circle
D  By the door
You will hear a lesson. I will read the lesson twice. After you hear the lesson, you will answer several questions about it, so listen carefully.
What is this lesson mainly about?

A Writing letters long ago
B Delivering the mail long ago
C Sending e-mail long ago
D Riding horses long ago

What ended the Pony Express?

A Tired horses and riders
B Danger along the trail
C Telegraph wires
D The invention of computers
Choose the word that answers the question. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

Which word tells what is in the picture?

- smoke  
- snake  
- soap  

A  
B  
C
Choose the picture that answers the question. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

Which picture shows someone receiving a note?

A

B

C
Read the story. Then choose the picture that answers the question. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

Luis was playing checkers with his grandfather. After they played three games, it was time for lunch. Which picture shows what will probably happen next?

A

B

C
The Bronx Zoo

1. The Bronx Zoo is one of the oldest zoos in the United States. The zoo opened over a hundred years ago with 843 animals. Today, more than 4,000 animals live there.

2. The Bronx Zoo has always worked to protect animals that are endangered. When the zoo opened, only about a thousand bison were alive in the United States. The Bronx Zoo put some of these big animals in the zoo. Over the years, more bison were born at the zoo. Later, they were released to live on protected lands around the country. The zoo was also one of the first places to have snow leopards. Snow leopards are endangered animals, but many new cubs have been born at the Bronx Zoo.

3. In the 1940s, the zoo began to move animals out of their cages and into more natural habitats. The first habitat to open was called Lion Island. The lions’ new area looked more like their natural home. More habitats were added later. In 1999, the zoo opened the Congo Gorilla Forest. More than 20 gorillas live there. A few years later, Tiger Mountain opened. People could now look a tiger right in the eye. (Don’t worry! The tigers are behind very thick glass.)

4. Every year, the Bronx Zoo continues to help endangered animals from all over the world. The zoo may be old, but it still has many new ideas.
4. In this passage, what is the meaning of the word released?

A. Freed
B. Sold
C. Carried
D. Opened

5. According to the passage, why do snow leopards need protection?

A. Snow leopards are so small and helpless.
B. Some snow leopard cubs are born in zoos.
C. Only a small number of snow leopards are alive worldwide.
D. Snow leopards can only live in cold places.

6. In what way is the Bronx Zoo still the same as when it opened?

A. It still helps endangered animals.
B. It still keeps big animals in cages.
C. It still has the same number of animals.
D. It still puts many animals in natural areas.
1. Which sentence is correct?

A. It is the more tall mountain in the state.
B. It is the most tallest mountain in the state.
C. It is the tallest mountain in the state.
D. It is the most tall mountain in the state.

2. Which sentence is correct?

A. The teacher explained the homework to they.
B. The teacher explained the homework to us.
C. The teacher explained the homework to I.
D. The teacher explained the homework to we.
Read the sentence and look at the underlined part. There may be a mistake. If you find a mistake, choose the correct answer. If there is no mistake, choose Correct as is. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

Which answer is correct?

**3. Victor** likes to jump rope.

A. like jump  
B. likes to jumping
C. he like jump  
D. Correct as is

Which answer is correct?

**4. I felt proud when I** knew the answer to the question.

A. knows  
B. knew  
C. knewed  
D. Correct as is
Write a paragraph that describes what is happening in the picture. Include as many details as you can. Someone who reads your paragraph should be able to imagine the entire scene.

Before you start writing, look at the picture carefully and think about the following:

• What is happening in the picture?
• What is the animal doing?
• What is the weather like?
Checklist

☐ Write one paragraph about the picture.
☐ Write a topic sentence.
☐ Use details in your writing.
☐ Use complete sentences.
☐ Write a concluding sentence.
☐ Check your work for capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
Look at the diagram. It shows six different areas at a children’s museum. Imagine that your class is planning a field trip to this museum. Your teacher wants you to choose two areas to visit.

In your own words, write a well-organized essay about which two areas you would like to visit. Tell why you want to visit them.

In your essay, remember to:
• Include an introduction, body, and conclusion.
• Use information from the diagram.
• Include details, examples, or reasons.
• Use your own words.

You may also include other information that you know about this topic.

**Children’s Museum**

**Build Something!**
- Use blocks, boxes, tools, and your imagination to build something.

**Let’s Eat!**
- Make cookies and other fun snacks in a kitchen for kids. Then eat them with your family and friends.

**Helping Others**
- Pretend to be a doctor or nurse in a doctor’s office. Be a vet and make stuffed animals get well. Be a dentist and work on a giant tooth.

**Fun in a Garden**
- See how vegetables grow in our museum garden. Look closely at the butterflies and bees that help plants grow. Plant a seed in a cup you can take home.

**At the Post Office**
- See what happens at a post office. Have fun weighing packages, sorting letters, and stamping envelopes.

**Be an Artist**
- Make something from clay. Paint something. Print your own design on a t-shirt.
Planning Page

You may PLAN your writing for question 6 here if you wish, but do NOT write your final answer on this page. Your writing on this Planning Page will NOT be scored. Write your final answer on pages 24 and 25.
Checklist ✅

☐ Write about the topic.
☐ Include an introduction, body, and conclusion.
☐ Include details, examples, or reasons.
☐ Use complete sentences and paragraphs.
☐ Use correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE
Student Name: _____________________________________________________________________________________

SCORE SHEET Grades 3–4

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Enter student’s scores in the boxes below.

**Speaking**

**Constructed Response**

1. Score ☐
2. Score ☐
3. Score ☐
4. Score ☐
5. Score ☐

**Listening**

**Multiple Choice**

Score ☐ / 5

**Reading**

**Multiple Choice**

Score ☐ / 6

**Writing**

**Multiple Choice**

Score ☐ / 4

**Constructed Response**

5. Score ☐
6. Score ☐