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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	A	1	3.4C		X	M
2	D	2	3.8B	X		M
3	B	2	3.8B	X		M
4	B	2	3.5A		X	H
5	B	2	3.2B		X	L
6	D	2	3.RC.D (Fig. 19)	X		H
7	B	2	3.8A	X		L
8	C	2	3.RC.B (Fig. 19)	X		M

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

Read “The Ant and the Grasshopper” and “The Tortoise and the Hare,” and answer the questions that follow.

The Ant and the Grasshopper by Aesop

- 1 On a warm summer day, a Grasshopper was hopping about. He chirped and he sang, as happy as he could be. Just then, an Ant passed by, pulling on an ear of corn. He worked hard to carry the huge cob to his nest.
- 2 “Come and chat with me,” said the Grasshopper. “You do not need to work so hard.”
- 3 “I am laying up food for the winter,” said the Ant. “I think you should do the same.”
- 4 “Why bother about winter?” asked the Grasshopper. “I have plenty of food to eat right now.”
- 5 Not stopping to listen, the Ant continued with his work. When the winter

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Use “The Ant and the Grasshopper” to answer questions 1–4.

Standard 4 (Antonyms/Synonyms) M

1. Which words in the story mean the same as “storing”?
 - A Laying up
 - B Pulling on
 - C Sharing
 - D Suffering from

Standard/Expectation

Complexity Level

Standard 8 (Character Relationships/Changes) M

2. The Grasshopper does not store food because he—
 - A has already stored food
 - B does not know how to store food

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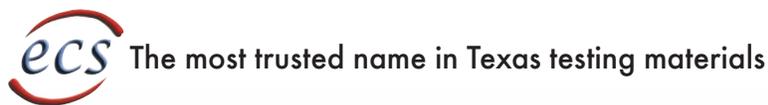
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