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- 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.

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**Correlation Chart Features:**
- complete answer key
- identification of the reporting category for each item
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- identification of readiness and supporting standards
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1. Odie stood next to his sister, Penny, in the kitchen. He nudged Penny, wondering what she thought of their new home. Odie wagged his tail, and Penny copied him. Their tails said it all. Penny and Odie liked their new home.

2. Josie liked having Penny and Odie, too. She had always wanted to have a puppy, and now she had two! Every time they went for a walk together, people would say, “Oh, how cute! What are their names?”

3. The reply was always the same. “The one with the red collar is Penny because she is small with copper-colored spots. The one with the blue collar is Odie. In stories written many years ago, Penny—short for Penelope—was married to Odysseus. So, he’s Odie. According to Greek legend,

28. Read the sentences from paragraph 5 of the story.

As the truck drove past them, Odie darted to the right, pulling his leash from Josie’s hand. He bolted across a neighbor’s lawn, dragging his leash behind him.

What does the word bolted mean in the sentences above?
A. Ran
B. Rolled
C. Strolled
D. Wandered

29. Which of the following best explains why Odie breaks free of Josie?
A. Odie wants to escape from the truck.
B. Odie is following his own path.
C. Odie is attracted to something in the distance.
D. Odie is trying to get attention from the people watching.
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