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Practice Test

## Sample Booklet

Grade 7

Reading, Form A



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### Teacher Guide

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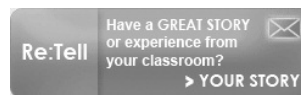
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## Overview of *STAAR MASTER*® Practice Tests

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

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

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 Tests*, 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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**Answer Key**

Item	Answer	Category	Standard(s)	Readiness	Supporting	Complexity Level*
1	C	1	7.2B	X		M
2	B	2	7.6B	X		M
3	A	2	7.6C		X	M
4	C	2	7.RC.D (Fig. 19)	X		M
5	C	3	7.10B		X	M
6	D	3	7.10D	X		H
7	C	3	7.10A	X		M
8	D	3	7.RC.D (Fig. 19)	X		H
9	D	3	7.10C	X		M
10	C	1	7.RC.F (Fig. 19)	X		H
11	C	1	7.RC.F (Fig. 19)	X		H
12	C	2	7.3B		X	M
13	A	2	7.8A	X		M
14	B	2	7.4A		X	M



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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See pp. 3–4 of this Sample Booklet for a detailed description of the STAAR MASTER® Practice Tests.

## A Fair Feeder

1 Clarissa and Roberto watched as a blue jay flapped around the birdfeeder set out for the songbirds. The jay flashed its bright blue wings, searching for a way to get at the food, but the birdfeeder was designed to keep blue jays from taking all the seeds. While most songbirds could sit and eat from the tiny perches attached to the birdfeeder, the perches were too small for the blue jays. The birdfeeder’s tiny openings, big enough for only the smallest songbirds, also frustrated the jays.



2 *It doesn't seem fair*, thought Clarissa.

3 “That poor blue jay will never get a decent meal! Why would anyone make a birdfeeder that a blue jay can't use?” she asked her brother, Roberto.

4 He shook his head. “Blue jays are terrific birds, but they do have a bad reputation. Many people believe that blue jays devour much more than seeds, nuts, and insects. They believe that jays eat baby birds. Some people also think they are loud and annoying because they make noise at night and early in the morning.”

5 Clarissa frowned. “Do blue jays really eat baby birds?”

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Standard/Expectation

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Use “A Fair Feeder” to answer questions 1–4.

Standard 2 (Context Clues) M

1. What does the word persistent mean in paragraph 9 of the story?
  - A Alert
  - B Cunning
  - C Determined
  - D Thoughtful

Standard 6 (Plot Development/Characters) M

2. What is the main reason that Clarissa decides to make a birdfeeder for the blue jays?
  - A She listens to her brother’s ideas

7.RC.D (Inferences) M

4. Which of the following is the best evidence that Clarissa’s birdfeeder was a success?
  - A Clarissa appears satisfied at the end of the story.
  - B Clarissa builds the birdfeeder with recycled materials.
  - C The blue jay easily retrieves food from the birdfeeder.
  - D The blue jay uses a tool to take food from the birdfeeder.

Use “Birds Calling and Singing at Night” to answer questions 5–9.

Standard 10 (Facts/Assertions/Opinions) M

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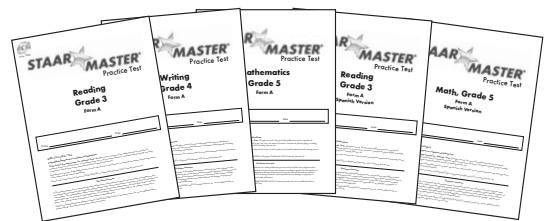
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