



Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 8th Edition

Maze Benchmark

Grade 4

Student Materials

Name: _____

Date: _____

Practice Passage

Tom goes to a school far from his house. Every morning, he
takes a school _____ to go to school. In the _____, he also
takes a bus home.



Correct: _____

Incorrect: _____


Adjusted Score: _____

Lucie's Snow

Lucie lived in a place where it never snowed. This meant that she had never
a snowman or made a snow . She had never thrown a
snowball, she had never built a snow or an igloo. Yet Lucie
liked idea of snow. She liked to people who'd seen snow all
about snow felt like and what you do with it.

One morning after had asked him many questions about
, her dad said, "Okay sweetheart, enough snow. It's time to
get ready school," so she hopped up from breakfast table
and got her backpack.

the station she and her dad on the platform in the

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sweltering _____, watching sun glaring off the approaching _____,
fanning herself with her notebook, and _____ dreaming of sledding and
snowball fights. _____ train finally pulled into the station, _____ them
with hot air. They got _____ and found two seats in the _____. The train
was almost full.

As _____ rumbled toward downtown, Lucie gazed out
window, replacing the palm trees with _____ and the brown hills with snowy
_____ in her imagination. She pretended to _____ that she was on a train
_____ the Swiss Alps, and that people _____ skiing alongside the train
tracks. She _____ that some little boys were hurling _____ at the train


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windows as it .

Then something strange happened. The light the train car dimmed
enough that dad looked up from his book peered out the
window. Lucie felt back pressed against the seat. She see
they were climbing and a mist had gathered. Inside, the temperature
dropped and the interior of the car had transformed. There
were red seats, dark wooden doors, and a passing out knit
hats and mittens.

“ a pair?”

“Yes please,” Lucie said, at her dad who just shrugged.

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put them on and out of corner of her eye saw
something . She turned to see snow falling the train
window and icy ponds figures skated, so her dad pulled
rattling window down and urged her feel the snow. She took off
mitten, stuffed it in her pocket, stuck her hand out, feeling
the cool pricks and smiling. But turning , she found her dad
looking at with a funny expression.

“Wake up,” said. “We’re here.”

She followed him the train onto the downtown platform

it was just as sunny as and he tugged her through the



. As they approached the turnstile she reached into her pocket to get her
ticket but pulled out a yellow mitten instead.