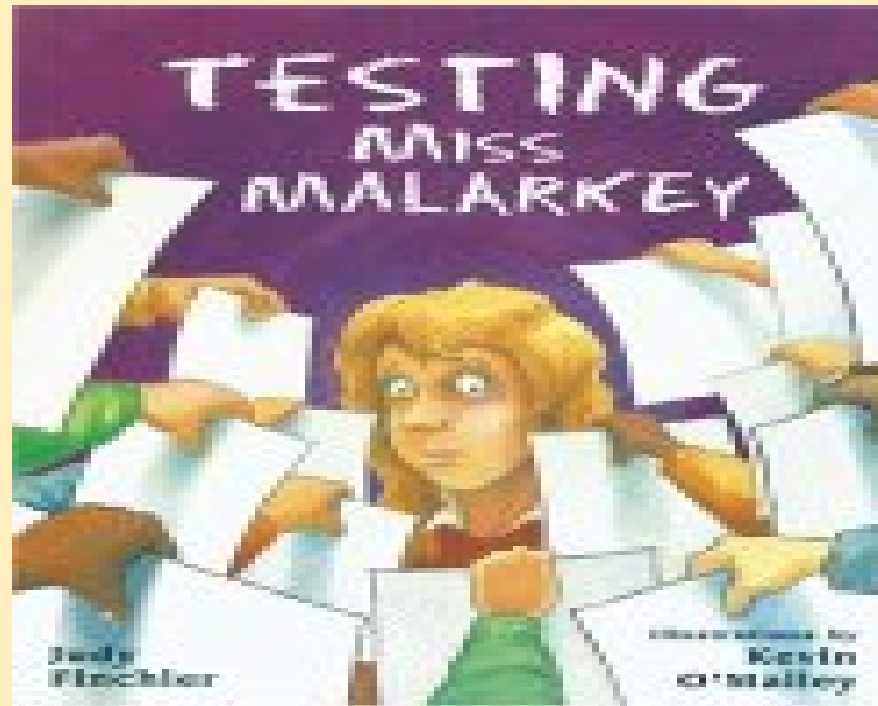


Spotlight on Reading & Writing




READ ALOUD

Testing
Miss Malarkey



PASS READING



The PASS ELA tests for grades 3-8 will assess the reading and research standards of the 2008 South Carolina Academic Standards for English Language Arts.

For all grade levels, the PASS ELA tests will consist of reading passages and multiple-choice items.

Sample items are on the SDE website.

<http://www.ed.sc.gov>



PASS WRITING



Writing ~ 2 days

- **Multiple Choice (25 items)**
- **Extended Writing ~ 15 points**

Content & Development

Organization

Voice

Conventions



SUM IT UP!!



1. Put the pieces of the “Book Review” together.
2. Read the review and summarize the central idea of the review in 1-3 sentences.



CAUSE & EFFECT



“Cause and Effect Card Game”

HANDOUT



PASS

Sample Writing Items





My Favorite Time of Year

(1) Spring is my favorite season. (2) It is a special time of year. (3) Everything around me is coming to life. (4) One thing I love most about the season are the new pail green leaves on the trees. (5) maple trees have bigger leaves than oak trees. (6) Seeing flowers blooming everywhere lets me know spring is here. (7) I wake up in the morning and I feel as fresh as the budding trees outside my window.

(8) This is the one time of the year that I'm happy to jump quick out of bed and get my day started.





1. What is the best way to combine sentences 1 and 2?
 - A. Spring is my favorite season, yet it is a special time of year.
 - B. Spring is my favorite season, but it is a special time of year.
 - C. Spring is my favorite season because it is a special time of year.
 - D. Spring is my favorite season although it is a special time of year.





What is the correct way to write sentence 4?

- A. One thing I love most about this season are the new pale green leaves on the trees.**
- B. One thing I love most about this season is the new pale green leaves on the trees.**
- C. One thing I love most about this season is the new pail green leaves on the trees.**
- D. The sentence is correct as written.**





What would be a better choice of wording than spring is here in sentence 6?

A. spring is back

B. spring is gone

C. spring is coming

D. spring is awakening





What is the correct way to edit sentence 7?

- A. I wake up in the morning, and I feel as fresh as the budding trees outside my window.
- B. I wake up, in the morning and I feel as fresh as the budding trees outside my window.
- C. I wake up in the morning and I feel as fresh as the budding trees, outside my window.
- D. The sentence is correct as written.





Where would be the most logical place to add this sentence?

Lying in my bed and looking at new life renews my energy.

- A. after sentence 1**
- B. after sentence 3**
- C. after sentence 4**
- D. after sentence 7**





Which sentence shifts focus by adding an irrelevant detail?

- A. sentence 3**
- B. sentence 5**
- C. sentence 6**
- D. sentence 8**



Reading Sample Test Items

My Carolina Quilt

Down near my feet
Is the salty breeze of the sea island
fringe and the sweet perfume
of the Carolina peach.
Peering over the peak of my toes





My Carolina Quilt...

French Huguenots, Africans, and English
who traveled through
The tangle of honeysuckle
And gray moss dangling
From the old oak trees.
Across my belly, catbirds,
Wild turkeys and white-tailed deer
scatter
in forests of tupelo, gum, and bay.



My Carolina Quilt

My Carolina Quilt...

**Sewn with blue yarn and stamped
With striped bass – Catawba,
Combahee, Congaree;
Savannah, Saluda, Santee.
Up north, Mt. Sassafras settles
under my chin as I sleep
on the Blue Ridge border.**





1) What is the main subject of the quilt?

- A. Various parts of the human body**
- B. Mountain ranges of the Southeast**
- C. Native American tribes and settlers**
- D. Geographical features of a Southern state**





2) What is in the middle of the quilt?

- A. rivers**
- B. islands**
- C. forests**
- D. mountains**





3) What is the speaker in this poem most likely doing?

- A. lying in bed**
- B. sewing a quilt**
- C. da map**
- D. visiting the beach**





4) Read these lines from the poem.

**“Sewn with blue yarn and
stamped
with striped bass- Catawba,
Combahee, Congaree;
Savannah, Saluda, Santee.”**





What figurative language is used in these lines?

- A. Oxymoron**
- B. Alliteration**
- C. Personification**
- D. onomatopoeia**



TIPS TO PASS the "PASS"

Elementary Activities

&

Secondary Activities

Incorporate the activities during family outings and daily routines.



QUESTIONS

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