

Smarter Balanced
Sample Test/Performance Task Questions
ELA/Literacy, Grades 3-5

ELA/Literacy

Grade 3

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Sample test question: What inference can be made about the author’s message about animals? Include information from the passage to support your answer.

Sample performance task: Explain why it is hard to be an astronaut. Give **two** reasons, one from Source #1 and one from Source #2. For each reason, include the source title or number.

ELA/Literacy

Grade 4

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Sample test question: What conclusion can be drawn about the author’s point of view? Support your answer with details from the passage.

Sample performance task: Source #1 discusses what some animals do to survive in their environment. Explain how the information in Source #2 adds to the reader’s understanding of what some animals do to survive in their environment. Give **two** details from Source #2 to support your explanation.

ELA/Literacy

Grade 5

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Sample test question: Which statement best summarizes the central idea of the text?

- A. Traveling by ship is difficult and causes sickness.
- B. Carlotta feels very ill on the ship and Enzo knows how to help her.
- C. There are more people on the ship than live in the entire Italian village where Enzo is from.
- D. Traveling to a unfamiliar country is more interesting when the experiences are shared with a new friend.

Sample performance task: The sources discuss how service animals help people. Explain what you have learned about how service animals help people. Use **one** detail from Source #1 and **one** detail from Source #2 to support your explanation. For each detail, include the source title or number.

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>