

Common Assessment #1 Study Guide

Key Skills & Concepts Tested:

1. Greek and Latin roots: determine word meanings based on knowledge of roots & affixes. Words are used in a sentence for clarification.
2. Active & Passive Voice: rewrite a sentence to make it passive/active.
3. Vocabulary: read a dictionary definition, then match which word in the text most closely matches that definition
4. Grammar: Identify sentences that have correct grammar usage.
5. Reading:
 - a. Determine the theme of a passage, then support your answer with text evidence.
 - b. Inferences: Make inferences based on the passage read. Support your inference with text evidence.
 - c. Central ideas: identify the central idea from a text, then support your answer with text evidence
 - d. Author's purpose: Determine the author's purpose (to inform, persuade, entertain, share feelings, etc.) of writing a text, then support your answer with text evidence.
6. Writing:
 - a. Adding transition words
 - b. Revising sentences
 - c. Removing sentences from a narrative that are unnecessary and/or distracting.

Recommended Practice: Complete your choice of the following. I recommend choosing the concepts that you find to be the most challenging.

1. Level Up Tutorials: (click on the hyperlinks to begin)
 - a. [Greek and Latin word roots](#)
 - b. [Active & Passive Voice](#)
 - c. [Academic Vocabulary & Word Knowledge](#)
 - d. [Revising at the sentence level](#)
 - e. [Using Transitions](#)
 - f. [Theme](#)
 - g. [Making inferences](#)
 - h. [Main Idea & Supporting details](#)
 - i. [Author's Purpose](#)
2. Grammar Games:
 - a. Grammar Bytes: www.chompchomp.com
 - b. Grammar Gorillas: www.funbrain.com/grammar/
 - c. Language Arts Games (Vocab, Grammar Tutorials, Conventions):
http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games_vocab.htm