



Mississippi Academic Assessment Program-Alternate (MAAP-A)

# Test Administration Booklet (TAB)

Grade 6 Released  
ELA and Mathematics

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**ELA**

**MS6\_ELA\_Task\_1**

**Academic Content Standard:** A.RI.6.2 – Determine the main idea of a passage and details or facts related to it.

**Stimulus Materials:**

- Stimulus cards: the passage “The Dust Bowl”
- Stimulus card #1: the sentences “During the Dust Bowl, farmers planted many new crops.”, “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.”, “During the Dust Bowl, only a few families moved to find jobs.”
- Stimulus card #2: the sentences “It was impossible to keep anything clean.”, “Without crops to sell, the farmers had little money.”, “Many people living in Kansas and Oklahoma were farmers.”
- Stimulus card #3: the sentences. “Farmers planted a lot of crops.”, “Farmers had dust in their houses.”, “Farmers could not make money.”

*DO: Present and point to the passage “The Dust Bowl”.*

**SAY: We are going to read the passage “The Dust Bowl”. Listen for a main idea and details that support the main idea.**

*DO: Read the passage to the student using appropriate volume, tone, affect, intonation, and expression for the text. Read and point to the title of the passage, the text, and the graphics as you read the passage. Present and point to stimulus card #1.*

**SAY: Which of these is a main idea of this passage?**

*DO: Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #1 to the student. Allow the student time to respond. Point to “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.” on stimulus card #1 as you read the following SAY statement.*

**SAY: A main idea is “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.”**

*DO: Remove stimulus card #1. Present and point to stimulus card #2.*

**SAY: Which of these is a detail that supports this main idea?**

*DO: Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #2 to the student.*

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.” AND “Without crops to sell, the farmers had little money.” to earn four score points.

<b>A</b>	<b>4 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> and independently. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Go to Task 2.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.” AND “Without crops to sell, the farmers had little money.”, then point to stimulus card #1 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** A main idea tells about the whole passage, not just one part. Which of these is a main idea of this passage?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #1 to the student. Allow the student time to respond. Point to “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.” on stimulus card #1 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** A main idea is “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.”

*DO:* Remove stimulus card #1. Present and point to stimulus card #2.

**SAY:** A detail gives information to support the main idea. Which of these is a detail that supports this main idea?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #2 to the student.

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.” AND “Without crops to sell, the farmers had little money.” to earn three score points.

<b>B</b>	<b>3 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> with the provided supports. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Go to Task 2.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.” AND “Without crops to sell, the farmers had little money.”, then remove stimulus card #2. Present and point to the passage part “THE DUST BOWL—A”.

**SAY:** We are going to read part of the passage again. Remember, during the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living. Listen for a detail that supports that farmers had a hard time making a living.

*DO:* Read or sign the passage part to the student using appropriate volume, tone, affect, intonation, and expression for the text. Point to the title of the passage, the text, and the graphic as you read this passage part. Present stimulus card #3.

**SAY:** “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.” Which of these is a detail that supports this main idea?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #3 to the student.

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “Farmers could not make money.” to earn two score points.

<b>C</b>	<b>2 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> with increased provided supports. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Go to Task 2.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “Farmers could not make money.” on stimulus card #3, then point to “Farmers could not make money.” on stimulus card #3 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** The main idea, “During the Dust Bowl, farmers had a hard time making a living.”, is supported by the detail “Farmers could not make money.” Which of these is a detail that supports this main idea?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #3 to the student.

<b>D</b>	<b>1 point</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> to step-by-step directions. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Go to Task 2.
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<b>E</b>	<b>0 points</b>	Student did not <b>correctly</b> respond to step-by-step directions. Go to Task 2.
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## MS6\_ELA\_Task 2

**Academic Content Standard:** A.W.6.2 – Write to share information supported by details.

- a. Introduce a topic and write to convey ideas and information about it including visual, tactual, or multimedia information as appropriate.

### Stimulus Materials:

- Stimulus cards: the writing template “Living in the Dust Bowl” with the first two sentences completed “This report is about what life was like for many Americans who lived through a time known as the Dust Bowl. Life became difficult, and families faced new problems.”; the sentence starter “Many people \_\_\_\_.”; the completed sentence “In the 1930s, no rain fell for many years on the American Plains.”; the sentence starter “Because there was no rain, the farmers \_\_\_\_.”; the completed sentence “The farmland slowly turned to dust.”; the sentence starter “When the winds blew, the dust \_\_\_\_.”; and the sentence starter “To find work, the farmers and their families \_\_\_\_.”; the completed sentences “The Dust Bowl meant hard times for many Americans. However, Woody Guthrie wrote songs that gave people hope for a new future in America.”
- Stimulus cards: the phrases “had jobs and were content”, “were suffering through hard times with their families”, “were making a lot of money and had plenty to eat”

**SAY:** We read the passages “The Dust Bowl” and “Songs about Hard Times”. Then, you selected information from the passages to include in your report. Now, you are going to write an introduction to your report.

*DO:* Present and point to the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A.”

**SAY:** The title of your report is “Living in the Dust Bowl”. [Point to the title of the report on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A”.] Listen as I read the beginning of your report: [Point to the first two sentences of the report on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A”.] “This report is about what life was like for many Americans who lived through a time known as the Dust Bowl. Life became difficult, and families faced new problems.”

*DO:* Present and point to the stimulus cards.

**SAY:** You need to complete the introduction in your report. This says: “Many people blank”. [Point to “Many people \_\_\_\_.” on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A”.] Which of these completes this sentence in the introduction?



*DO: Point to and read the answer choices from the stimulus cards to the student. Allow the student time to respond.*

- *IF the student identifies “were suffering through hard times with their families”, place “were suffering through hard times with their families” after the sentence starter “Many people \_\_\_\_.” on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A” and go to the next SAY statement.*
- *IF the student does not identify “were suffering through hard times with their families”, go to the DO statement under the four-point score box.*

**SAY: Let’s read the introduction to your story: “This report is about what life was like for many Americans who lived through a time known as the Dust Bowl. Life became difficult, and families faced new problems. Many people were suffering through hard times with their families.”**

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “were suffering through hard times with their families” to earn four score points.

<b>A</b>	<b>4 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> and independently. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Go to Task 3.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO: If the student does not identify “were suffering through hard times with their families” from the stimulus cards, then point to the sentence “Many people \_\_\_\_.” on the writing template as you read the following SAY statement.*

**SAY: Remember, an introduction tells the reader about the topic of your report and the information it will present.**

*DO: On the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A”, point to “Many people \_\_\_\_.” as you read the following SAY statement.*

**SAY: This says: “Many people blank”. Which of these completes this sentence in the introduction?**

*DO: Point to and read the answer choices from the stimulus cards to the student. Allow the student time to respond.*

- *IF the student identifies “were suffering through hard times with their families”, place “were suffering through hard times with their families” after the sentence starter “Many people \_\_\_\_.” on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A” and go to the next SAY statement.*

- *IF the student does not identify “were suffering through hard times with their families”, go to the DO statement under the three-point score box.*

**SAY:** **Let’s read the introduction to your story: “This report is about what life was like for many Americans who lived through a time known as the Dust Bowl. Life became difficult, and families faced new problems. Many people were suffering through hard times with their families.”**

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “were suffering through hard times with their families” to earn three score points.

<b>B</b>	<b>3 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> with the provided supports. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Go to Task 3.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* *If the student does not identify “were suffering through hard times with their families” from the stimulus cards, then on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A”, point to the first two sentences on “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A” as you read the following SAY statement.*

**SAY:** **Let’s read how your report begins again: “This report is about what life was like for many Americans who lived through a time known as the Dust Bowl. Life became difficult, and families faced new problems.”**

*DO:* *Point to the stimulus cards.*

**SAY:** **Life was difficult for people living in the Dust Bowl. This says: “Many people blank”. [Point to “Many people \_\_\_\_.” on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A”.] Which of these completes this sentence in the introduction?**

*DO:* *Point to and read the answer choices from the stimulus cards to the student. Allow the student time to respond.*

- *IF the student identifies “were suffering through hard times with their families”, place “were suffering through hard times with their families” after the sentence starter “Many people \_\_\_\_.” on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A” and go to the next SAY statement.*
- *IF the student does not identify “were suffering hard times with their families”, go to the DO statement under the two-point score box.*

**SAY:** Let’s read the introduction to your story: “This report is about what life was like for many Americans who lived through a time known as the Dust Bowl. Life became difficult, and families faced new problems. Many people were suffering through hard times with their families.”

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “were suffering through hard times with their families” to earn two score points.

<b>C</b>	<b>2 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> with increased provided supports. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Go to Task 3.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “were suffering through hard times with their families” from the stimulus cards, then point to “were suffering through hard times with their families” from the stimulus cards as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Many people were suffering through hard times with their families. This says: “Many people blank”. [Point to “Many people \_\_\_\_.” on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A”.] Which of these completes this sentence in the introduction?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices from the stimulus cards to the student. Allow the student time to respond. Place “were suffering through hard times with their families” after the sentence starter “Many people \_\_\_\_.” on the writing template “LIVING IN THE DUST BOWL—A”.

**SAY:** Let’s read the introduction to your story: “This report is about what life was like for many Americans who lived through a time known as the Dust Bowl. Life became difficult, and families faced new problems. Many people were suffering through hard times with their families.”

<b>D</b>	<b>1 point</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> to step-by-step directions. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Go to Task 3.
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<b>E</b>	<b>0 points</b>	Student did not <b>correctly</b> respond to step-by-step directions. Go to Task 3.
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**MS6\_ELA\_Task\_3**

**Academic Content Standard:** A.L.6.4 – Demonstrate knowledge of word meanings.

- a) Use context to determine which word is missing from a content area text.

**Stimulus Materials:**

*Numbered stimulus cards:*

- Stimulus card #1: the sentences “Astronomers are \_\_\_\_\_ who research space. They study planets, stars, and other objects in space. They want to understand more about the universe.”
- Stimulus card #2: the words “artists”, “dentists”, “scientists”
- Stimulus card #3: the sentences “Objects in space are very far away. An astronomer uses a \_\_\_\_\_ to observe them.”
- Stimulus card #4: a graphic of a magnifier, labeled “magnifier”; a graphic of a telescope, labeled “telescope”

*DO:* Present and point to stimulus card #1 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** We are going to read some sentences. One sentence is missing a word. After we read, you will select a word that completes the sentence.

*DO:* Point to stimulus card #1 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Listen as I read these sentences. “Astronomers are BLANK who research space. They study planets, stars, and other objects in space. They want to understand more about the universe.”

*DO:* Present and point to stimulus card #2 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Which word correctly completes the sentence “Astronomers are BLANK who research space.”?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #2 to the student.

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “scientists” to earn four score points.

<b>A</b>	<b>4 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> and independently. <u><i>This task is complete.</i></u> Say closing statement.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “scientists” on stimulus card #2, then point to stimulus card #1 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** I am going to read the sentence with the missing word again. Listen for clues that tell you which word completes the sentence. [Point to the sentence with the blank on stimulus card #2.] “Astronomers are **BLANK** who research space.”

*DO:* Point to stimulus card #2 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Each word describes people with a specific job. Think about which people study space and the universe for their job. Which word correctly completes the sentence “Astronomers are **BLANK** who research space.”?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #2 to the student.

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “scientists” to earn three score points.

<b>B</b>	<b>3 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> with the provided supports. <i><u>This task is complete.</u></i> Say closing statement.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “scientists” on stimulus card #2, then point to stimulus cards #1 and #2 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** The word “scientists” completes the sentence “Astronomers are scientists who research space.”

*DO:* Remove stimulus cards #1 and #2. Present and point to stimulus card #3 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Now I am going to read some more sentences about astronomers. One of the sentences is missing a word. [Point to and read stimulus card #3.] “Objects in space are very far away. An astronomer uses a **BLANK** to observe them.”

*DO:* Present and point to stimulus card #4 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Each word shows a tool. Think about which tool an astronomer uses to look at objects in space. Which word correctly completes the sentence “An astronomer uses a **BLANK** to observe them.”?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #4 to the student.

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “telescope” to earn two score points.

<b>C</b>	<b>2 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> with increased provided supports. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Say closing statement.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO: If the student does not identify “telescope” on stimulus card #4, then point to stimulus card #4 as you read the following SAY statement.*

**SAY: Objects in space are very far away. “An astronomer uses a telescope to observe them.” Which word correctly completes the sentence “An astronomer uses a BLANK to observe them.”?**

<b>D</b>	<b>1 point</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> to step-by-step directions. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Say closing statement.
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<b>E</b>	<b>0 points</b>	Student did not <b>correctly</b> respond to step-by-step directions. Say closing statement.
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**Closing Statement**

**SAY: We are finished with the ELA section.**

# Mathematics



## MS6\_Math\_Task\_1

**Academic Content Standard:** A.6.EE.5-8 – Match an equation to a real-world problem in which variables are used to represent numbers.

### Stimulus Materials:

#### *Numbered stimulus cards:*

- Stimulus card #1: the word problem “Sarah bought 3 shirts. Each shirt cost the same amount. She paid a total of \$21 for the shirts. What is the cost of one shirt?”
- Stimulus card #2: the equations “ $3 + x = 21$ ”, “ $3x = 21$ ”, “ $3 - x = 21$ ”

*DO:* Present and point to stimulus card #1 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Listen as I read the following word problem. “Sarah bought three shirts. Each shirt cost the same amount. She paid a total of twenty-one dollars for the shirts. What is the cost of one shirt?”

*DO:* Present and point to stimulus card #2.

**SAY:** Which equation can be used to find the cost of one shirt?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #2 to the student.

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “ $3x = 21$ ” to earn four score points.

<b>A</b>	<b>4 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> and independently. <u><i>This task is complete.</i></u> Say closing statement.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “ $3x = 21$ ” on stimulus card #2, then point to stimulus card #1 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Sarah bought three shirts. We do not know the cost of each shirt. We are going to use “ $x$ ” to represent the cost of each shirt.

*DO:* Present and point to stimulus card #2.

**SAY:** Which equation can be used to find the cost of one shirt?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #2 to the student.

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “ $3x = 21$ ” to earn three score points.

<b>B</b>	<b>3 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> with the provided supports. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Say closing statement.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “ $3x = 21$ ” on stimulus card #2, then point to stimulus card #2 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** We can use multiplication to represent this word problem. Three times the cost of each shirt equals twenty-one. Which equation can be used to find the cost of one shirt?

*DO:* Point to and read the answer choices on stimulus card #2 to the student.

**EXPECT:** The student identifies “ $3x = 21$ ” to earn two score points.

<b>C</b>	<b>2 points</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> with increased provided supports. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Say closing statement.
Note: If the student responds <b>incorrectly</b> , proceed to the next set of DO and SAY statements below.		

*DO:* If the student does not identify “ $3x = 21$ ” on stimulus card #2, then point to “ $3x = 21$ ” on stimulus card #2 as you read the following SAY statement.

**SAY:** Three  $x$  equals twenty-one can be used to find the cost of one shirt. Which equation can be used to find the cost of one shirt?

<b>D</b>	<b>1 point</b>	Student responds <b>correctly</b> to step-by-step directions. <b><i>This task is complete.</i></b> Say closing statement.
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<b>E</b>	<b>0 points</b>	Student did not <b>correctly</b> respond to step-by-step directions. Say closing statement.
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**Closing Statement**

**SAY:** We are finished with the Mathematics section.