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# Edition 3

# Reading Skills Practice Test

This is the second of your three practice tests for 2012-13.

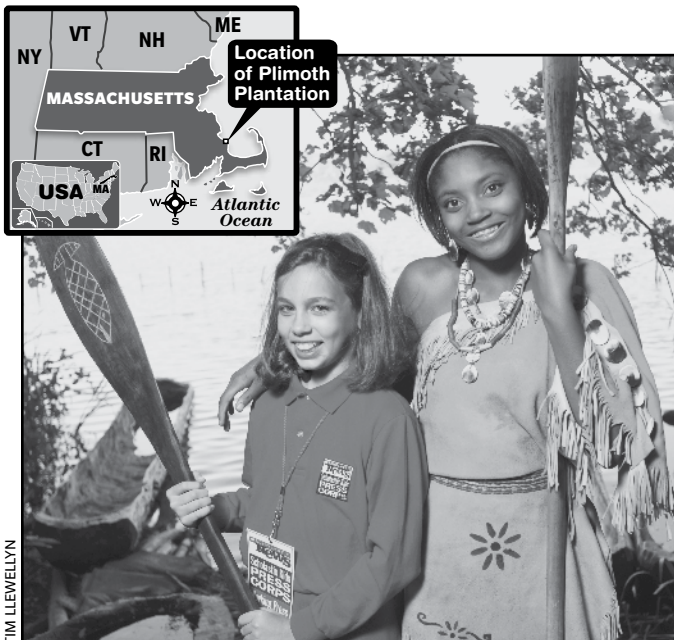
## Instructions for Taking This Test

- This test has three reading passages. Read the directions at the start of each passage. The directions tell you how to answer the questions.
- Some questions are harder than others. If you have trouble with a question, give it your best try and then move on.

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## SECTION 1: READING COMPREHENSION (Multiple Choice)

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the news article below. Then read each question that follows the article. Choose the best answer to each question. Fill in the circle for the answer you have chosen.



The writer of this article, Chloe Conway (left), poses for a picture with Tahlia.

## Living History

Meet Tahlia Jackson, an American Indian with a special job. She teaches people about her tribe, the Wampanoag (wahn-puh-NOH-ag). This tribe lives in Massachusetts.

### Talking to Tahlia

Tahlia volunteers, or works for free, at Plimoth Plantation. There you can see how the Wampanoag lived long ago alongside the Pilgrims.

When people visit, Tahlia answers their questions about the Wampanoag culture, or way of life.

“Most visitors want to learn about the people, the food, and the land,” says Tahlia.

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# SECTION 1: READING COMPREHENSION (Multiple-Choice)

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She shows how the Wampanoag planted corn, built canoes, and cooked meals over a fire. She even wears clothing made of deerskin, just like the Wampanoag did 400 years ago.

### Past and Present

The Wampanoag no longer live in huts or wear deerskin. They live in regular homes and dress like everyone else. Still, Tahlia enjoys teaching about the past.

“Volunteering makes me feel proud of my culture,” says Tahlia.

—By Chloe Conway

Wampanoag Words		
Here are some Wampanoag words and their meanings.		
Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
kwe	KWAY	hello
wunniook	wuh-NEE-uck	Be well!
mishoon	mi-SHOON	boat or canoe

**1. About how long have the Wampanoag lived in Massachusetts?**

- (A) 50 years
- (B) 250 years
- (C) 400 years
- (D) 1,000 years

**2. Why did the author most likely include the section “Talking to Tahlia”?**

- (A) to convince readers to visit Plimoth Plantation
- (B) to compare how the Wampanoag lived long ago with how they live today
- (C) to explain how Tahlia began volunteering at Plimoth Plantation
- (D) to inform readers about what Tahlia does when she volunteers

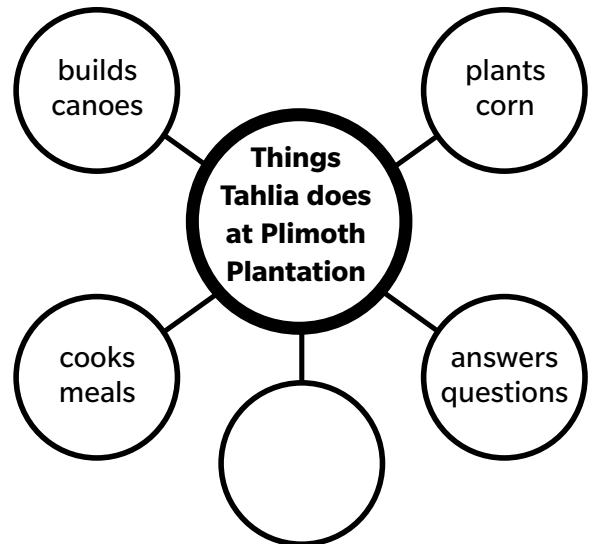
**3. Which sentence is an opinion?**

- (A) Tahlia volunteers at Plimoth Plantation.
- (B) The Wampanoag no longer live in huts.
- (C) Plimoth Plantation is the best place to visit in the U.S.
- (D) Most people who visit Plimoth Plantation want to learn about the people, the food, and the land.

**4. Look at the chart. Which word means “boat” or “canoe”?**

- (A) Wampanoag
- (B) kwe
- (C) wunniook
- (D) mishoon

**5. Use information in the story to decide which sentence below best completes the web.**



- (A) wears clothing made of deerskin
- (B) shows tools used for hunting
- (C) demonstrates how to row a canoe
- (D) tells about other American Indian tribes

## SECTION 2: READING COMPREHENSION (Multiple-Choice and Constructed Response)

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the poem below. Then read each question that follows the poem. For questions 6-9, choose the best answer to each question. Fill in the circle for the answer you have chosen. For question 10, write your answer on the blank lines.

# Polar Opposites

Our planet has a spot on top  
And another down below  
Where the sun's rays rarely visit  
And all year long there's snow.

The top spot is the Arctic,  
Where the North Pole sits so grand.  
It is a frozen ocean  
Surrounded by bits of land.

In the chilly Arctic region,  
Polar bears live on the ice.  
Foxes, whales, and people  
Also think the Arctic is nice.

Antarctica has the South Pole  
And a different geography.  
It is an icy continent  
Surrounded by cold sea.

Very few brave animals  
Call icy Antarctica home.  
In the sea and on the coast,  
Seals and penguins roam.



The North Pole is quite frosty,  
But the South is colder, it's true.  
Temperatures stay below zero  
In winter and summer too!

These two polar habitats  
Are 22,000 miles door-to-door.  
They make fascinating spots  
For hardy humans to explore!

— Karen Kellaheer

6. What is another good title for this poem?

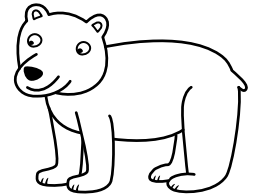
- Ⓐ How Penguins Live
- Ⓑ Weird Winter Weather
- Ⓒ North Pole, South Pole
- Ⓓ Amazing Arctic Animals

7. What information from the poem can help you infer why Antarctica has fewer animals than the Arctic has?

- Ⓐ Antarctica is colder.
- Ⓑ Antarctica is a continent.
- Ⓒ The Arctic has polar bears and foxes.
- Ⓓ Antarctica has winter and summer seasons.

8. Read these lines from the poem.

In the chilly Arctic region,  
Polar bears live on the ice.



In this sentence, what does region most likely mean?

- Ⓐ snowstorm
- Ⓑ animal
- Ⓒ city
- Ⓓ area

9. Which of these animals lives in Antarctica?

- Ⓐ polar bear
- Ⓑ penguin
- Ⓒ fox
- Ⓓ snake

10. Using information from the poem, tell how the Arctic and Antarctica are alike.

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## SECTION 3: REVISING AND EDITING (Multiple-Choice)

**DIRECTIONS:** A student wrote the report below. He did not have time to revise or edit it. It contains mistakes. Read the report, and then answer the questions that follow. Fill in the circle for the answer you have chosen for each.

# The Amazing Houdini



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(1) Almost everyone has seen a magic show, but few people will ever see a magician as talented as Harry Houdini. (2) many call him the greatest magician and escape artist who ever lived.

(3) Harry Houdini was born in Hungary in 1874. (4) Back then, his name was Ehrich Weiss. (5) His family moved to the United States when he was two years old. (6) When Ehrich was a teenager, he fell in love with magic. (7) He read books, watched other magicians, and tought himself tricks. (8) When he was 17, he started doing shows.

(9) Ehrich decided he would spend all his time doing magic. (10) He changed his name to Harry Houdini, which he thought sounded mysterious. (11) Soon, Harry fell in love with a young woman named Bess. (12) They got married. (13) Bess became Harry's partner. (14) With Bess's help, Harry come up with some amazing new tricks, such as escaping from chains.

(15) By the time Harry was 30, he was famous and performing around the world. (16) His tricks grew even more daring. (17) In one trick, he was wrapped up in chains and dropped into a tub of water. (18) Holding his breath, he was able to escape the chains in less than three minutes

(19) Harry died in 1926. (20) On the day of his funeral, fans lined the streets to say goodbye. (21) Even today, most people remember him as one of the best magicians of all time.

11. Read sentence 2:

many call him the greatest magician and escape artist who ever lived.

Which underlined word should be capitalized?

- (A) many (B) magician (C) escape (D) artist

12. Read sentence 7:

He read books, watched other magicians, and tought himself tricks.

Which underlined word is spelled incorrectly?

- (A) watched (B) magicians (C) tought (D) tricks

13. Which is the best way to combine sentences 12 and 13?

- (A) They got married, and Bess became Harry's partner.  
 (B) They got married, because Bess became Harry's partner.  
 (C) They got married, but Bess became Harry's partner.  
 (D) They got married, as well as Bess became Harry's partner.

14. Read sentence 14:

With Bess's help, Harry come up with some amazing new tricks, such as escaping from chains.

Which is the correct tense for the underlined verb?

- (A) come (B) came (C) will come (D) has come

15. Which punctuation mark would be best at the end of sentence 18?

- (A) in less than three minutes!  
 (B) in less than three minutes"  
 (C) in less than three minutes?  
 (D) in less than three minutes,