WIDA Practice Pack — Kindergarten

Free Sample

This sample has 4 reading questions from the student booklet, printed just as they appear in the pack, followed by the answer key with explanations from the teacher guide.

The full pack is print-ready and works offline. It has a student booklet, numbered audio tracks to play to a class, a teacher guide with the answer key, transcripts and explanations, and scoring guides for speaking and writing.

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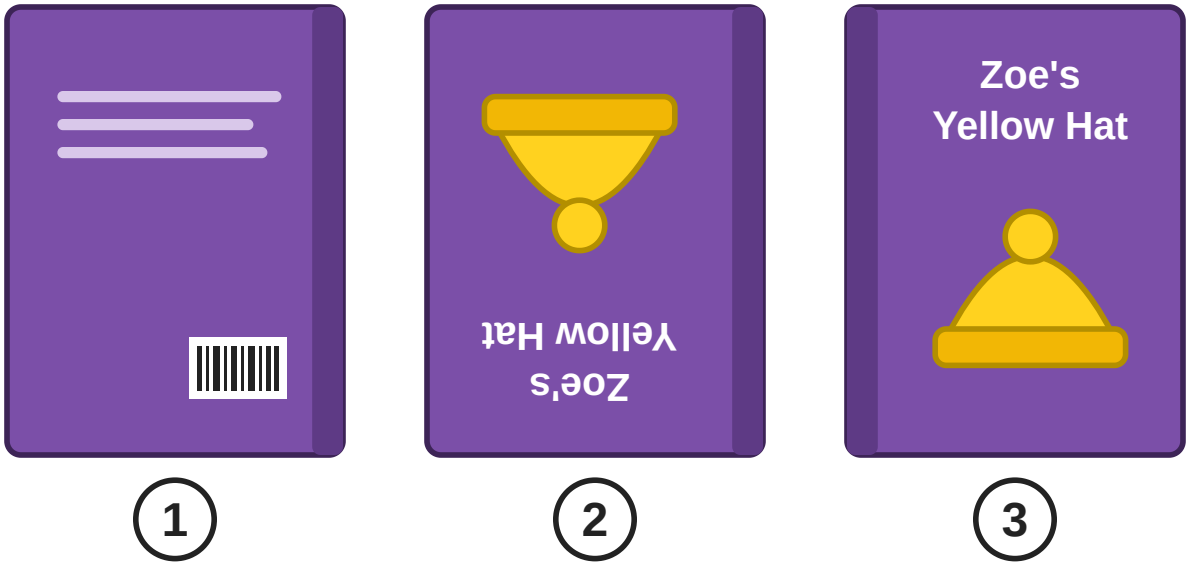
Reading

Sit with your child and look at the three books together. On the real test the test administrator hands the child the storybook and asks about it; here the picture stands in for the book. Don't read the description below aloud: it gives the answer and is there for you and for screen readers.

Zoe's Yellow Hat: holding the book



1. *Read the question aloud. Your child points to one of the three books.*

Which one shows the front of the book, the right way up?

- (A) book 1
- (B) book 2
- (C) book 3

Look at the page together. Don't read the sentence aloud yet. The description below is for you and for screen readers.

Zoe's Yellow Hat: a page with words



2. *Read the question aloud. Your child points to one of the three stars.*

Where do you start reading the words on this page?

- (A) star 1
- (B) star 2
- (C) star 3

3. *Now read the sentence aloud, pointing to each word. Then read the question and the three answers aloud. Your child can count by touching each word.*

How many words are in this sentence?

(A) 5 words

(B) 3 words

(C) 8 words

Point at the word below and read it aloud slowly. Then read the question and all three answers aloud.

hat

4. *Read this question and the three answers aloud to your child.*

Which letter comes first in this word?

(A) t

(B) h

(C) a

Answer key with explanations

Question 1. Which one shows the front of the book, the right way up?

Answer: C, book 3

Knowing the front of a book, and which way up it goes, is the first thing a kindergarten reading test checks, and it is called print awareness. Book 3 has the title and picture facing the right way. With a real book at home, hand it to your child upside down or back first and see whether they turn it around before opening it.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **A** (book 1): This is the back cover, with no title or big picture. A child who picks it may not yet know that the front is where the title is.
- **B** (book 2): This is the front, but upside down. Choosing it means your child spotted the cover picture but did not check which way up the words go, so ask "can you read it like this?"

Question 2. Where do you start reading the words on this page?

Answer: B, star 2

This checks that your child knows we read the words, not the picture, and that English starts on the left. Star 2 sits right before the first word, "Zoe". If your child's home language is read right to left, choosing star 3 is an understandable habit, not a mistake in thinking.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **A** (star 1): Star 1 is on the picture. Young children often "read" the picture first, so explain that the story's words are in the line of print.
- **C** (star 3): Star 3 is at the end of the line. A child who picks it knows to look at the words but is starting from the right; run your finger left to right as you read the sentence.

Question 3. How many words are in this sentence?

Answer: A, 5 words

Counting words checks the idea that a word is a group of letters with a space on each side. "Zoe has a yellow hat" has five words. Watch whether your child counts the short word "a"; it is the one most often skipped.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **B** (3 words): Three is what a child often gets by counting only the words they can say loudly, such as Zoe, yellow and hat. Touch each word, including "a", and count again.
- **C** (8 words): Eight is more words than the page has. A child who picks it may be counting letters or word parts instead of whole words; touch each word once and count slowly.

Question 4. Which letter comes first in this word?

Answer: B, h

This asks for a letter name and checks left-to-right order in a single word. The word is "hat" and the first letter on the left is h. Slide your finger under the word and stop on the first letter if your child is unsure.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **A** (t): The letter t is at the end of "hat". A child who picks it may be looking at the right-hand side first.
- **C** (a): The letter a is in the middle. Children often name the letter they know best rather than the one on the left.

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