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Smarter Balanced

English Language Arts Practice Tests

for Grade 4

A Complete Guide to Building Math Mastery and Excelling on the Test



- Real Practice. Real Results.
- Small Steps, Big Gains!
- Practice Smart. Score Higher:
- Detailed Explanations
- Practice
- Master
- Achieve

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Full-length practice tests aligned to the Smarter Balanced format, with detailed explanations for every question.

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Phase 4: Super Learning — Study the Explanations

This is the phase that separates good readers from absolutely extraordinary ones! Spend real time reading the detailed explanations—not just for wrong answers, but for every single question on the page.

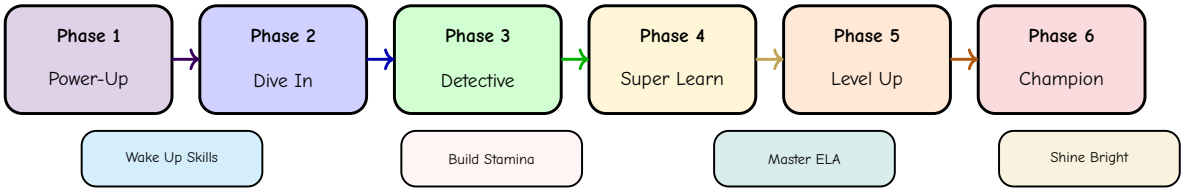
- Every explanation reveals the thinking power behind the correct answer
- Study the step-by-step reasoning—these strategies work on any passage, any test
- For correct answers, compare your thinking to the explanation to find even smarter shortcuts
- For incorrect answers, trace the exact moment your thinking took a different path
- Write your own notes on the most helpful explanations to review later

Phase 5: Level Up — Move to the Next Test

After thoroughly reviewing Practice Test 1, charge forward to Practice Test 2. Repeat this complete process for every test and feel yourself getting stronger with each round.

Phase 6: Champion Mode — Final Review and Confidence

After all six tests, review your notes, revisit your starred questions, and celebrate how much you have grown from Test 1 to Test 6. You are now ready to shine!



★ Advanced Superstar Strategies ★

- **Smart Pacing** — Space your six tests over several weeks so your brain can absorb each lesson deeply
- **Spaced Review** — Go back to explanations from earlier tests—reviewing old lessons makes them stick forever
- **Strategy Refresh** — Re-read the test strategy sections whenever a reading skill or grammar rule feels fuzzy
- **Score Tracking** — Record your scores test by test and watch your own amazing growth in real time
- **Reading Partner** — Talk through tricky passages with a parent, teacher, or reading buddy—two brains are unstoppable!
- **Growth Mindset** — Every mistake is a secret treasure—it shows exactly where to focus next
- **Active Reading** — Practice annotating: underline, circle, and jot notes while you read each passage

ELA Superpowers Covered in Every Test

Each of the six practice tests covers these Grade 4 English powerhouse skills:

- Reading Literature (adventures, fables, poems, and drama—characters, setting, plot, theme, and point of view)
- Reading Informational Text (nonfiction passages—main idea, key details, text features, and text structure)
- Vocabulary and Word Meaning (context clues, multiple meanings, prefixes, suffixes, and root words)
- Language and Grammar (nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, punctuation, and capitalization)

- Writing (opinion, informative, and narrative writing—structure, strong details, and vivid word choice)
- Foundational Skills (phonics, word recognition, fluency, and reading with expression)

★ The Superstar Insight ★

Being an extraordinary reader and writer does not come from being perfect the very first time— it comes from staying curious, asking powerful questions, and bouncing back after every stumble. You are building thinking skills that will dazzle the world—one passage, one sentence, one brilliant idea at a time!

Your ELA preparation adventure starts right now!

Six tests stand between you and champion level! ★

Your Path to Reading & Writing Greatness

Brave Preparation
Plan your practice

Fearless Reading
Complete each test

Deep Discovery
Learn from explanations

Greatness is built one joyful, courageous practice at a time!

Your ELA Growth Journey

Test 1 | Test 2 | Test 3 | Test 4 | Test 5 | Test 6

Every practice test transforms you into a stronger, bolder reader and writer!



Subplot exams? Scan for plans.

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★ Test Morning: Your Peak Performance Launch Sequence ★

- **Brain Fuel Breakfast:** Eat protein and whole grains—your brain is an engine, and it needs great fuel to run!
- **Arrive Early:** Give yourself extra time to settle in, get comfortable, and breathe before the test begins.
- **Positive Self-Talk:** Say it out loud: "I am a strong reader. I am a great writer. I am totally prepared!"
- **Three Power Breaths:** Breathe slowly in for four counts, hold for two, out for four. Three times. Calm and focused!
- **One Passage at a Time:** Focus only on the text in front of you—one question, one answer, one step at a time.

During-Test Strategies — Your Reading Toolkit in Action

Once the test begins, activate these powerful reading strategies to maximize every answer:

★ Reading Passage Strategies ★

- **Preview Before Reading:** Skim the title, headings, and any pictures or diagrams first—they give you a mental map!
- **Read Every Word:** Read the entire passage completely before looking at a single question.
- **Annotate Like a Detective:** Underline the main idea, circle key details, and put a question mark near confusing parts.



Jumpy titles?
Proof in text.

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- **Notice Signal Words:** Words like *first*, *however*, *because*, and *for example* tell you how ideas connect.
- **Read for Purpose:** Ask yourself: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? These questions guide your understanding.
- **Reread the Tricky Parts:** If a paragraph confuses you, read it again slowly—second reads reveal hidden clues!

★ Multiple Choice Mastery Strategies ★

- **Read the Question First:** Before choosing, read the full question—every word—so you know exactly what to find.
- **Go Back to the Passage:** Always return to the text to find evidence. Your memory can trick you!
- **Eliminate Wrong Answers:** Cross out answers you know are wrong—narrowing to two makes the right answer much easier to spot.
- **Watch Out for "Always" and "Never":** Extreme words are often wrong. Look for balanced, text-supported answers.
- **Trust Evidence Over Feelings:** Pick answers that are supported by the passage, not just ones that *sound* right.
- **Answer Every Question:** Never skip! If you are not sure, use your best reasoning and move forward confidently.

★ Constructed Response Power Strategies ★

- **Read the Prompt Carefully:** Underline the key words in the writing prompt before you begin—they tell you exactly what to do.
- **Restate and Answer:** Start your response by restating the question in your own words, then answer directly.
- **Use Text Evidence:** Include specific details, examples, or quotes from the passage to support your answer.
- **Explain Your Evidence:** Do not just include a detail—explain *why* that detail supports your answer.
- **Use Transition Words:** Words like *first*, *next*, *for example*, and *in conclusion* make your writing flow like a river!
- **Write in Complete Sentences:** Always use complete sentences with a capital letter at the start and punctuation at the end.
- **Proofread Your Work:** If time allows, re-read your response. Fix any spelling, capitalization, or punctuation mistakes you spot.

Vocabulary & Word Meaning Strategies

★ Cracking Unknown Words Like a Word Detective ★

- **Context Clues:** Read the sentences before and after the unknown word—the author left you clues!
- **Word Parts Detective:** Look for prefixes (*un-*, *re-*, *pre-*), suffixes (*-ful*, *-less*, *-er*), and root words you recognize.



