

ANSWERS FOR THE GRADE 3 PRACTICE LANGUAGE TESTS

On the following pages, you will find the answers for the multiple-choice questions in the practice Language tests.

Parents: *Look over your child's work, and go over the test with the child and explain the correct answers for any questions that were wrong.*

Few children will get every question correct on tests like these. Don't worry if there are wrong answers. If you can see what is causing your child to make some mistakes, explain the correct answers, and consider reviewing Dr. Don's strategies later in the year, closer to the test period.

For any question that gives lines for the child to write on, Dr. Don has given possible answers, but you will have to judge for yourself whether the child understands what has been asked, and has given good answers.

Evaluating your child's answers to open-ended Language questions

EQAO uses "rubrics" (marking chart) to evaluate open-ended questions in both reading and writing. With regard to the questions in the practice Language tests that require "essay-type" answers, we invite you to read and assess your child's answers, with the help of your child, by asking some of the following questions:

- Did your answer mention the key words in the question often?
- When the question says to use information from the text, and your own ideas, did you do both... more than once for each answer?
- Was your answer in the form required in the question — a letter, a journal, a plan for an interview...?
- Count how many ideas you put into your answer. Do you think that was enough? Can you think of any more ideas now?
- Did you check your answer for correct spelling and punctuation?

There are two ways to approach evaluation. The simplest way is to look at the questions and answers, and rate them poor-fair-good-excellent. For those who are looking for a more formal approach, the official rubrics can be found on the EQAO web site, www.eqao.com.

Alert: Dr. Don's experience suggests that the simpler approach to evaluation is a practical indicator of your child's level of accomplishment.

