

NAPLAN — Year 3 Literacy

Set 4 — Sample Reading test answers

About the sample Reading tests

The materials have been designed so that they can be used as individual units or as a mini-test paper incorporating a number of reading units. QSA sample tests can also be used as a formative assessment tool. The reading magazine stimulus materials can be used for teaching and learning without the questions booklet.

Teachers should take note of the type of reading skill signalled in these tests and incorporate explicit teaching and assessment of reading skills in their own subject area lessons.

These sample Reading test units could be used to develop persistence and stamina and to show strategies such as:

- Question Answer Relationships (QARs), including a stage in which students write their own questions based on the stimulus texts
- text location strategies such as “key word in the margin”
- inferential questions, both those that are text-based and those that are context-based
- responding to evaluation questions.

Answers

Dinosaur stampede	1 B; 2 A; 3 C; 4 B; 5*; 6 D; 7 A; 8 B
Ollie’s story	9 A; 10 C; 11 D; 12 B; 13 B; 14 B; 15*
Delta	16 B; 17 D; 18 C; 19 A; 20 B; 21 A; 22 A; 23 A; 24 C; 25 C; 26 C

*Model responses for write-in (short response) questions

Item 5

Correct response:

3, 5, 1, 4, 2.

Item 15

Correct response:

5, 4, 6, 2, 1, 3.

Resources

Resources on the QSA website that may be useful include:

- *Poster: In the book or in your head* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1443.html
- *Teacher’s notes: Locating information* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1443.html
- *Poster: Thinking about a story* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1443.html
- *Teaching reading and viewing: Guide for Years 1–3* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/yr3-english-resources.html
- *Teaching reading and viewing: Comprehension strategies* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/yr3-english-resources.html
- *Framework for Reading items* — www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1443.html