Florida Standards Alternate Assessment
PERFORMANCE TASK

Grades 3–5
Passage Booklet

Practice Test
2016–2017
Grade 3
English Language Arts
(Read this caption to Students with Visual Impairments Only.)
This is a picture of two boys sitting at desks. One boy has beads on his desk and the other does not.
Lots of Beads

1 Josh looked in his desk. Yesterday, his teacher had handed out beads. The class was going to make key chains. Now, he could not find the beads.
2 Luke saw that Josh looked sad.
4 “I can’t find my beads,” said Josh.
5 “Don’t worry,” said Luke. “I have lots of beads. You can have some of mine.”
6 Josh smiled and took a handful of beads from Luke.
7 “Thanks for sharing!” said Josh.
(Read this caption to Students with Visual Impairments Only.)
This is a picture of a tall tree in sandy dirt.
Sand Pine Trees

1 The sand pine is a tree. It grows in Florida. It can grow as high as 80 feet tall! Most sand pines are 25 to 30 feet tall.

2 When the sand pine tree is young, it has smooth, gray bark. When the tree gets old, the bark gets bumps on it. It turns red brown.

3 This tree grows best in sandy dirt. The tree has pinecones. That may be why the tree is called the sand pine.
Grade 4
English Language Arts
(Read this caption to Students with Visual Impairments Only.)
This is a picture of leaf-cutter ants walking in a line. Each ant is carrying a piece of a leaf.
Leaf-Cutter Ants

1 A line of leaf-cutter ants is a strange sight. The ants look like leaves walking through the forest. They carry pieces of leaves in a long line.

2 The leaf-cutter ants use their strong jaws to cut pieces of leaves. They collect the pieces to build nests. Some of the nests are 30 feet across. That's a lot of leaves. Luckily, these ants can carry 20 times their weight.

3 The ants also use the leaves to make a garden. Some people call these ants “farmers.” Like farmers, they eat what they grow in the garden.

4 Different ants have different jobs. The large ones, worker ants, carry the leaves. Some of the ants mix the leaves to grow their food. Some of the ants protect their nest.
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This is a picture of a girl standing beside a table. There is a model of a volcano on the table. The girl looks nervous and is holding her hands in front of her.
The Science Fair

1 Eva stood next to her volcano project at the science fair. She wanted to win the first-place ribbon.

2 The judges at the science fair were looking carefully at the projects. Eva was worried. She had worked hard. Eva looked around the room. Rachel’s magnet project was good. It made Eva feel even more worried.

3 The judges were ready. Eva watched them put a first-place ribbon on Rachel’s project. Eva was disappointed because she did not win the first-place ribbon, but she knew she did her best. “Good job!” she told Rachel.
Grade 5
English Language Arts
(Read this caption to Students with Visual Impairments Only.)
This is a picture of a boy holding four tickets.
Winning with Homework

1  Dominic and his friends were standing in the courtyard before school. Dominic had four classroom tickets in his hand. He earned the tickets by turning in his homework on time for the whole month. With his tickets, he earned a free fun activity at school.

2  “With four tickets you could do the movie day,” Isaac said.

3  “I could also have free computer time,” Dominic said.

4  Harrison and Carlos were kicking a ball while listening.

5  “Did you hear that Mr. Stockton is having an outdoor sports day next month?” Harrison asked.

6  “No, what’s that?” Dominic asked.

7  “If you have seven tickets, you get to spend the day playing different kinds of sports,” Carlos said.

8  The bell rang. Dominic put his tickets in the zipper pocket of his backpack. He decided to earn three more for the sports day.
(Read this caption to Students with Visual Impairments Only.)
This is a picture of a boy looking at a photo of himself and drawing.
Painting like Frida Kahlo

Leon and Tory are in art class.

“Has anyone heard of a famous painter named Frida Kahlo?” asks the teacher, Miss Chase.

“I think she was from Mexico,” Tory answers.

“Yes, she lived from 1907 to 1954,” Miss Chase says. “Frida Kahlo is best known for her self-portraits.”

“What is a self-portrait?” Leon asks.

“This is why I asked you to bring a picture of yourself to class today. First look at the picture. You can also touch your face to feel its shape. Then draw your face. Next, use paints to add color.”

Leon and Tory begin making their first self-portraits.
(Read this caption to Students with Visual Impairments Only.)
This is a picture of five phones. Two are old-fashioned phones, one is a handheld phone, and the other two are cell phones.
The First Telephone

1 The telephone is one of the most important inventions in the history of the world. It allowed people to instantly communicate from faraway distances.

2 The telephone was invented in the 1870s. The inventor’s name was Alexander Graham Bell.

3 Telephones no longer look like the one Bell designed. In fact, telephones come in many shapes and sizes.
(Read this caption to Students with Visual Impairments Only.)

This is a picture of a bat flying at night.
Animals at Night

1 Some animals are active at night. They are doing things at night while other animals are sleeping. Skunks sleep during the day and look for food, like fruit, plants, bugs, and fish, at night.

2 Bats and owls also come out at night. Bats fly around. They look for bugs to eat. At night owls fly around and look for mice to eat. Most bats and owls sleep during the day. Nighttime animals are busy at night.