

# **Missouri Assessment Program – Practice Form**

## **Grade 5 English Language Arts**

### **Transcripts of Listening Passages**

The following two pages contain the transcripts of the listening passages in Session 3 of the grade 5 English Language Arts online practice form. The transcripts may be provided to hearing impaired students who need support to access the listening passages. The Test Examiner should read the passages aloud to the student. In circumstances where the student has no hearing, does not sign and cannot read lips, the student may read the passages directly. The passages correspond to the following questions in Session 3:

Passage 1: Questions 1–4

Passage 2: Questions 5–8

The transcripts must remain secure at all times. After testing, the transcripts must be destroyed by the STC or DTC at the building level, and electronic files must be deleted.

## Redbird Reef

Subway cars travel under the streets of New York City. These cars transport passengers all day and night for years and years. But what happens when a subway car wears out? The amazing answer is that some old cars are dumped in the ocean for a very good reason.

In 2001, New York City gave more than six hundred subway cars to the state of Delaware. Since the cars were red, they were called “Redbirds.” Delaware put the subway cars on a big boat, which sailed down the coast to where the cars were dumped into the water. Why? Delaware wanted to turn the old cars into an artificial reef for sea life.

Fish need reefs for shelter. A natural reef has lots of spaces where fish can look for food and hide from predators. Many coastal towns have built artificial reefs in places where there are no natural reefs. These reefs can bring plants and fish into the area. The reefs become new places to live for all sorts of sea creatures.

Delaware called its new reef Redbird Reef after the red subway cars. Before they were dropped into the water, all the old subway cars had their windows and doors removed and underwent a thorough cleaning. Any toxic materials were removed.

Redbird Reef has been so successful that other states want old subway cars to create their own reefs. These cars, which were once crowded with people, are now alive with fish. They have transformed an empty stretch of ocean floor into a thriving home for animals and plants.

## The Story of My World Record

I did it! I have finally broken a world record! This is the greatest moment in my life, and I have it all recorded on video.

As far back as I can remember, I have always wanted to be the best at something. Every time I go to the school library, I look for a book about world records. My dream is to break one and see my name in the book.

I searched for an activity I thought I could actually be the best at. I decided to try some different activities to see if I could break any world records. The first record I tried to break was farthest water-balloon throw. I asked my little brother to help me with this one. The record is 127.36 feet. We did not break the record and we got soaked trying. However, we did have fun!

Next, I tried stacking the most dominoes in thirty seconds. The record is only forty-eight, so I figured it would be easy, but stacking dominoes is harder than it seems.

Then, I attempted to blow the largest bubblegum bubble. I practiced all day long, but I blew my biggest bubble while I was doing my homework. It popped and went all over my math textbook. Several of the pages ended up stuck together. I could not finish my homework, and I got in a lot of trouble. My teacher and my parents were furious. I had to do an extra math assignment, and I am no longer allowed to chew gum.

But all my failures no longer matter. Now, everyone who watches my video will be a witness to my record-breaking attempt. I have successfully eaten twenty-one candies in one minute, using chopsticks, while blindfolded, beating the previous record of twenty. You heard it here first.

I'll play the video to make sure I got it. Oh, no! I forgot to click "record"! I can't believe this. No one will ever know I broke the record!