



# Student Performance Events

## *Stimulus Materials*

**Proficiency Assessments for Mississippi Students-Alternate**  
**MISSISSIPPI-ALT**

**Grade 3 Released**

ELA and Mathematics

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**ELA**

Doreen goes to the animal shelter. She wants to adopt a new pet. Doreen walks over to look at the kittens. A very small, sad-looking kitten meows at her. She picks up the kitten and pets its soft fur. The kitten begins to purr.

**upset**

**happy**

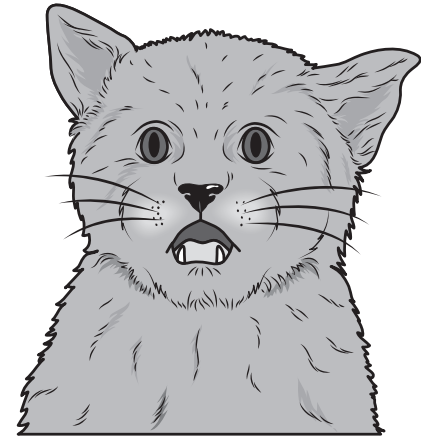
**afraid**



**upset**



**happy**



**afraid**

**First, our teacher, Mr. Jones, puts everything we need on a table. Next, we read the directions for the cake. Then, we mix everything together in a bowl. Finally, Mr. Jones puts the cake in the oven. When the cake is done, we get to eat it. We all agree that the cake is delicious!**

**Our class is hoping to buy a cake today.**

**Our class is going to bake a cake today.**

**Our class is planning to sell a cake today.**

**Our class is \_\_\_\_\_ a cake today.**



**buying**

**baking**

**I like to play soccer with Sarah.**

**Her Dog is very good at running.**

**My Teacher has cats that are black.**

**Sarah**

**Dog**

**Teacher**

## My Cat and Me

My name is Becky. I have a cat named Mittens. I love taking care of my cat. Mittens follows me wherever I go. Whenever I turn around, Mittens is always looking up at me.

One sunny day, Mittens and I were playing when I heard a bird chirping. I looked up in the apple tree and saw a nest on a leafy branch. The nest was empty! So, Mittens and I looked down under the apple tree. A baby bird had fallen out of the nest. It was peeping loudly and looked scared. Oh no, I thought. Where was the baby bird's mother?



“Hurry Mittens! Let’s go inside,” I shouted.

I ran back into the house to find Mom. There was no time to waste. Mom would know just how to help the baby bird. I rushed through the house searching for her. Mittens followed me

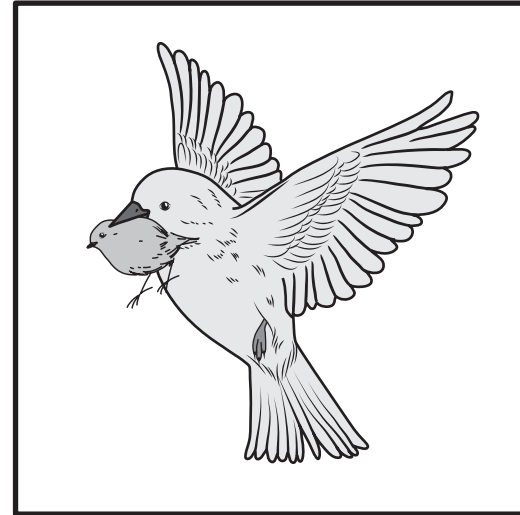


wherever I went, up the stairs and down the stairs. Finally, I found her! Mom knew right away that something was wrong.

“What’s the matter?” Mom asked.

“Hurry Mom! I found a baby bird in our yard!” I cried.

We hurried to the back door and looked out. What a surprise! The mother bird was carrying the baby bird in her beak. She flew up to a branch of the apple tree. She carefully placed the baby bird back in the nest. The mother bird took care of the baby bird just like I take care of my cat.



When I looked down, there was Mittens. She was looking up at me. I patted Mittens softly on the head and said, "You are the best cat in the whole world. I will always take care of you!"





**outside**

**school**

**store**



A baby bird had fallen out of the nest. It was peeping loudly and looked scared. Oh no, I thought. Where was the baby bird's mother?

"Hurry Mittens! Let's go inside," I shouted.

**happy**

**tired**

**worried**

## Taking Care of Animals

A veterinarian or a vet is a person who takes care of animals. Some vets take care of small animals. Some vets take care of farm animals. Some vets take care of zoo animals. Here are other things to know about a vet.



## Becoming a Vet

Girls and boys who grow up to be vets need to love all kinds of animals. Students must go to a special school that teaches what vets need to know to take care of animals. They must work hard to learn math and science. Students must like learning new things about animals.



## Keeping Animals Healthy

A vet helps keep animals healthy. An animal checkup by a vet is like a person's checkup by a doctor. A vet checks an animal's ears, eyes, and teeth. She listens to the animal's heart. She checks its weight. When animals are sick, a vet knows how to help them get better and keep healthy.



## Helping Pet Owners

A vet helps pet owners learn how to take care of their pets. A vet teaches them how to feed and exercise pets. A vet teaches people how to spend time with their pets. A vet shows pet owners how to train their pets to do tricks.

A vet knows how to help animals stay healthy and happy.







**Some vets take care of zoo animals.**

**A vet helps keep animals healthy.**

**A vet shows pet owners how to  
train their pets to do tricks.**



**listening to a  
dog's heart**



**teaching a  
dog to sit**

**They must like their teachers.**

**They must visit many zoos.**

**They must learn about animals.**

**how to get to school**

**how to take care of animals**

**how many animals are at the farm**

# Mathematics

**There are 10 kickballs on the ball rack. Joe took 4 kickballs to use during recess. How many kickballs are left on the ball rack?**

**8**

**6**

**4**

**There are 5 kickballs on the ball rack.  
Susan took 3 kickballs to use during  
recess. How many kickballs are left  
on the ball rack?**



**5**

**0**

**2**

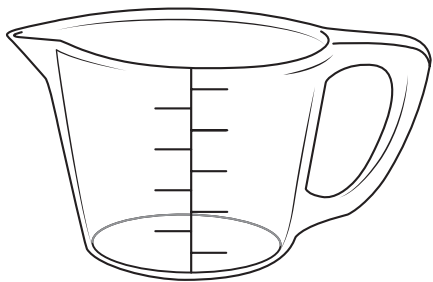
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**15**

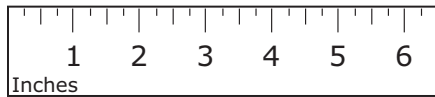
**20**

**13**

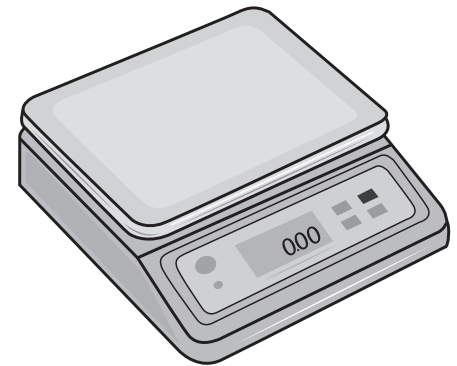
**Chris is measuring the volume of milk. Which tool should Chris use to measure the volume of the milk?**



**measuring  
cup**



**ruler**



**scale**

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