

Grade 3

Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division

Student Booklet Language

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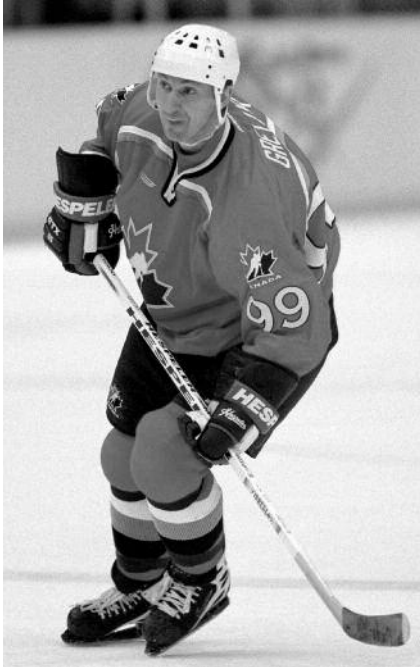
**RELEASED SELECTIONS AND
ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS**

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Please note: The format of these booklets is slightly different from that used for the assessment. The items themselves remain the same.

Wayne Gretzky



No wonder he's been called the "Great One" ever since he was a kid. When he was 10, Wayne Gretzky scored 378 goals in just 68 games. At 17, he was the youngest player in professional hockey in North America. He has set or tied 61 National Hockey League (NHL) records and is the league's all-time leading scorer.

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Wayne began playing hockey on a rink his dad had made in their backyard in Brantford, Ontario. Wayne says his father supported his desire to play hockey and

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helped him without pushing too much. Wayne would shoot and skate for hours—he loved it so much that it never seemed like practising to him. When he played in the NHL, he would exhaust his teammates with his long practices.

He wasn't big and his style wasn't smooth, but Wayne had an accurate shot and a natural instinct for the game. He seemed to see plays happen in slow motion and could anticipate where the puck was heading.

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Although proud of his records as a player, Wayne was especially proud to work with Canada's men's Olympic hockey team in 2002. He helped lead them to their gold medal.

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1 In paragraph 1, the word “tied” means

- put together.
- create a bow.
- match or equal.
- join with string.

2 In paragraph 3, the word “anticipate” means to

- know.
- choose.
- explain.
- describe.

3 The end of the text says Wayne was proud to work with Canada’s Olympic hockey team because he

- liked hockey.
- helped them win.
- enjoyed practising.
- set many records with them.

4 What is the main reason for Wayne Gretzky’s success?

- body size
- young age
- skating style
- natural talent

5 Explain why Wayne Gretzky is called the “Great One.” Use details from the text and your own ideas to support your answer.

6 Describe how Wayne Gretzky’s childhood helped him become a good hockey player. Use details from the text and your own ideas to support your answer.

The Venus Flytrap

A Meat-Eating Plant!



Leaves

The Venus flytrap is an unusual plant that was discovered over 200 years ago. It is found all over the world, but it is native to North and South Carolina. It grows in swamps, where the soil lacks nitrogen, an important part of a plant's diet.

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The Venus flytrap grows about 30 cm high. The plant's leaves grow close to the bottom of the stem. Each leaf has two parts attached to a rib. The surface of each side has three sensitive hairs or trigger hairs, and the edges are fringed with sharp spikes.

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Catching a Fly



Open Leaf



Closed Leaf

The Venus flytrap feeds itself by trapping insects inside its leaves. When an insect lands on a leaf's trigger hairs, the two sides close like a trap and hold the insect inside. The soft parts of the insect are then digested. It takes more than a week for each leaf to digest an insect and "spit" out the tough parts. After the plant has taken in the food,

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the trap opens, and the leaf is in position to capture another victim. After a leaf has caught several insects, it withers and dies. The Venus flytrap has been known to last as long as 25 years under good care.

7 “The Venus Flytrap” is mainly about

- where the Venus flytrap grows.
- how the Venus flytrap gets its food.
- when the Venus flytrap’s leaves close.
- why the Venus flytrap grows in swamps.

8 In paragraph 2, “surface” refers to the

- top of the leaf.
- edge of the hair.
- middle of the rib.
- point of the spike.

9 In the phrase “‘spit’ out the tough parts,” (paragraph 3) the word “tough” means

- dry.
- soft.
- hard.
- hairy.

10 The pictures beside paragraph 3 help the reader see how the plant

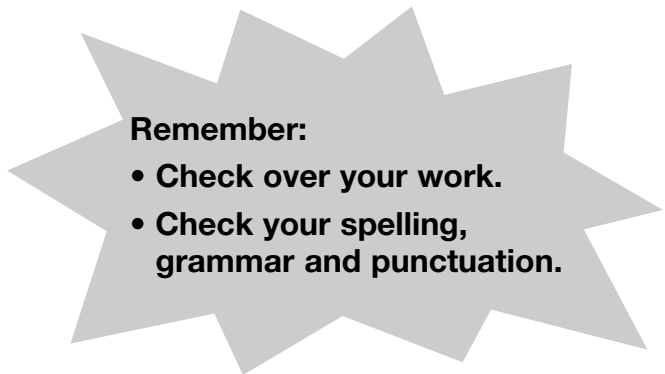
- withers and dies.
- eats other plants.
- grows in the soil.
- traps and eats insects.

11 Explain why the Venus flytrap is an unusual plant. Use details from the text and your own ideas to support your answer.

12 Explain how “trigger hairs” help the Venus flytrap. Use examples from the text to support your answer.

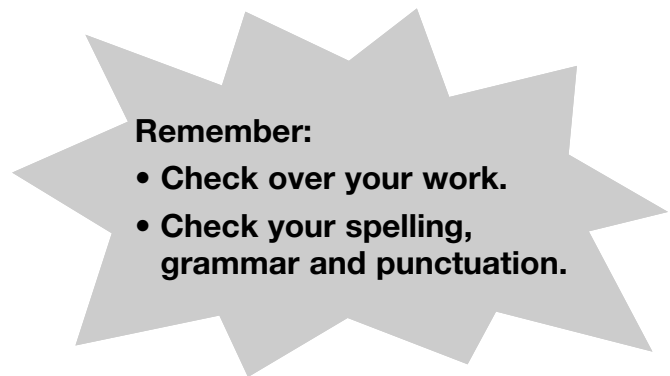
13 Write instructions that explain how to prepare for school.

Ideas for My Instructions



14 Describe how the weather affects the way people dress.

Ideas for My Paragraph



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