



New York State Testing Program

English

Language Arts

Book 2

Grade **4**

Sample Test 2005

Name _____

TIPS FOR TAKING THE SAMPLE TEST

Here are some suggestions to help you do your best:

- Be sure to read carefully all the directions in the test book.
- Plan your time.
- Read each question carefully and think about the answer before writing your response.

This test asks you to write about what you have listened to or read.

Your writing will NOT be scored on your personal opinions. It WILL be scored on:

- how clearly you organize and express your ideas
- how accurately and completely you answer the questions
- how well you support your ideas with examples
- how interesting and enjoyable your writing is
- how correctly you use grammar, spelling, punctuation, and paragraphs



Whenever you see this symbol, be sure to plan and check your writing.

Listening and Writing***D*** *irections*

In this part of the test, you are going to listen to a story called “Shadowtail.” Then you will answer some questions about the story.

You will listen to the story twice. The first time you hear the story, listen carefully but do not take notes. As you listen to the story the second time, you may want to take notes. Use the space below and on the next page for your notes. You may use these notes to answer the questions that follow. Your notes on these pages will NOT count toward your final score.

Notes***Go On***

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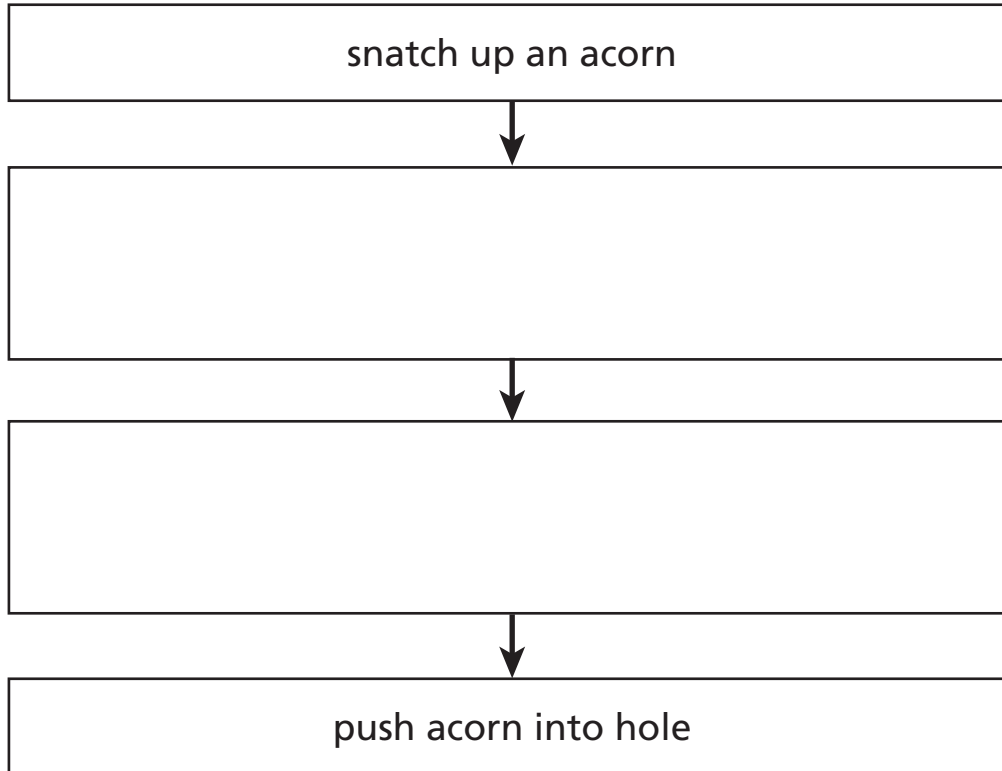
STOP

Do NOT turn this page until you are told to do so.

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Shadowtail's mother teaches him how to play "Spinning Acorn." Complete the chart below with the missing steps.

HOW TO PLAY SPINNING ACORN



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What **two** things does Shadowtail do that make his mother keep thinking, “This has got to stop!” Why does she say that? Use details from the story to support your answer.

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Planning Page

You may PLAN your writing for question 31 here if you wish, but do NOT write your final answer on this page. Your writing on this Planning Page will NOT count toward your final score. Write your final answer on Pages 7 and 8.





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