New York State Testing Program

English Language Arts Listening Selection

Grade 8

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This listening selection is to be used in administering Book 2 of the English Language Arts Test. The entire selection is to be read aloud twice to the students. For complete directions, please follow the instructions in the Teacher’s Directions.

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The Parrot Who Says He’s Sorry
(and Means It, Maybe)
excerpt from Dogs Have the Strangest Friends
by Jeffrey M. Masson

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